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REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

MINUTES

OF THE

Particular Synod of Albany

CONVENED IN

REGULAR SESSION

IN THE

REFORMED CHURCH, SAUGERTIES, N. Y.,

ON THE

THIRD DAY OF MAY, 1881.

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MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD AND CALLING THE ROLL.

The Particular Synod of Albany convened in Regular Session in the Reformed Church of Saugerties N. Y., on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 2 o'clock P. M., and, continued in session until 10 o'clock P. M. of Wednesday, May 4th.

The Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Jacob F. Neef,	Isaac Foudey.
" Henry K. Boer,	
" Horace P. Craig.	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. E. Van Slyke,
" C. O. Thatcher,
" I. S. Hartley, D.D.

From the Classis of Geneva.

Rev. P. Furbeck.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Cornelius P. Ditmars, Wm. H. Van Orden,
" B. Van Zandt, D.D., Jeremiah Overbaugh, Jr.
" J. H. Salisbury.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Jno. Minor,	C. L. Avery,
" Jas. Edmonson,	Wm. A. Feeter,
" R. W. Brokaw,	P. W. Putnam.
" F. M. Kip, Jr.	

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Jno. B. Drury, D.D.,
" Wm. Veenschoten.

From the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. Geo. I. Taylor,	John Kennedy,
" Selah W. Strong,	Sam'l Sheldon.
" C. P. Evans,	
" D. K. Van Doren.	

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Ira Van Allen,	Evert Van Vranken,
" J. A. De Baun, D.D.	W. T. L. Saunders.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. W. D. Buckelew. Teunis Swart.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. B. B. Staats,	Chas. B. Bushnell,
" W. A. Shaw,	John Kierstead,
" Wm. G. E. See,	Wm. W. Cunyes,
" A. J. Beekman.	John I. Boice.

ARTICLE II.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

After the opening, Synod spent an hour in devotional exercises.

The first half hour of the morning session of the second day, was spent in devotional exercises.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the afternoon of the second day's session.

The President Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste preached the Synodical sermon, on the evening of the first day's

session, from John 17 : 18 : "As thou hast sent me into the world even so have I also sent them into the world." By appointment of the last Synod, Rev. I. S. Hartley preached a sermon upon the theme "Distinctive denominational peculiarities, a tower of strength," taking his text from 1 Cor. 12: 12: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John B. Drury was elected President, Rev. Evert Van Slyke, Adsessor, and Revs. Philip Furbeck and B. B. Staats, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

READING THE RULES OF ORDER AND THE VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

READING MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. Wm. Veenschoten,
" H. P. Craig,
" C. P. Evans,
Elder Jno. Kennedy,
" Evert VanVrankeen.

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. W. G. E. See,
" W. D. Buckelew,
" A. J. Beekman,
Elder C. B. Bushnell,
" Jno. Kierstead.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. J. A. De Baun,	Elder Jno. I. Boice,
" J. K. Boer,	" W. H. Van Orden.
" C. P. Ditmars,	

On Overtures and Judical Buisness.

Rev. B. Van Zandt,	Elder Teunis Swart,
" W. A. Shaw,	" W. W. Cuyes.
" R. W. Brokaw,	

On the Questorate.

Rev. J. F. Neef,	Elder W. A. Feeter,
" F. M. Kip, Jr.,	" C. L. Avery.
" Ira Van Allen,	

On Nominations and Religious Exercises.

Rev. Jno. Minor,	Elder Isaac Fondey,
" Jas Edmonson,	" Jer. Overbaugh.
" J. H. Salisbury,	

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

No delegate appeared from the other Particular Synods.

Representatives were appointed from this Synod to the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick as noted in the report of the Committee on Nominations.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particlar Synods of Chicago, New York and New Brunswick, and also of the General Synod were received.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Questor presented his report with vouchers.

It was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

A communication was received from Rev. N. D. Williamson, with copy of the action of the Classis of

Michigan urging the memorializing of the President and Congress of the United States, with respect to the suppression of Mormon Polygamy. It was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was recived from Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, concerning the promising condition and necessity of increased contribution to that Board. It was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. H. P. Craig, D. K. Van Doren, and Elder Isaac Fondey, who reported as in Art. XI.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Nominations and Religious Exercises reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations and Religious Exercises report as follows: To preside, read the form and offer prayer, the President. To distribute the bread, Rev. W. A. Shaw. To distribute the wine Rev. Geo. I. Taylor. To pass the elements, Elders Wm. A. Feeter, Isaac Fondey, Walter Cunyes, J. I. Boice.

To preach special sermon next Particular Synod, Rev. S. H. Cobb, *Primarius*. Rev. W. E. Griffis, *Secundus*. Subject — "*The evil, cause and cure of short Pastorates.*"

Corresponding Delegates to Particular Synod of Chicago — Rev. C. Van Santvoord, D. D., *Primarius*, Rev. O. H. Gregory, D. D., *Secundus*. New York — Rev. J. Steele, D. D., *Primarius*, Rev. A. J. Hageman, *Secundus*. New Brunswick — Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste *Primarius*, Rev. R. W. Brokaw, *Secundus*.

Committee on Church Extension.

Classis of Albany, Rev. R. W. Clark.
" " Cayuga, Rev. I. S. Hartley.
" " Geneva, Rev. Philip Furbeck.
" " Greene, Rev. J. B. Thompson.
" " Montgomery, Rev. T. W. Jones.
" " Rensselaer, Rev. E. A. Collier.
" " Saratoga, Rev. D. K. Van Doren.
" " Schenectady, Rev. J. A. DeBaun.
" " Schoharie, Rev. R. Doig.
" " Ulster, Rev. A. M. Arcularius.
Chairman of the Committee, Rev. J. A. DeBaun.

Committee on Church Visitation.

Classis of Albany, Rev. Wm. J. Skillman.
" " Cayuga, Rev. I. S. Hartley.
" " Geneva, Rev. H. P. McAdam.
" " Greene, Rev. B. Van Zandt.
" " Montgomery, Rev. F. M. Kip, Jr.
" " Rensselear, Rev. Wm. Veenschoten.
" " Saratoga, Rev. S. W. Strong.
" " Schenectady, Rev. H. Vanderwart.
" " Schoharie, Rev. Aug. Todd.
" " Ulster, Rev. W. G. E. See.
Chairman, Rev. H. P. McAdam.

Submitted,
J. MINOR,
Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report as follows:

The Minutes of the General and Particular Synods of 1880, have been examined by your Committee, but we find nothing demanding the special attention of this Synod.

WM. VEENSCHOTEN,
Chairman.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, recommitted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Minutes report, that the Minutes of all the Classes have been received and examined.

The books without exception have been kept with care and merit the approval of Synod.

The Committee call attention of Synod to an irregularity in the Minutes of the Classis of Cayuga with regard to the examination of the Rev. H. P. Blair as follows:

"Rev. H. P. Blair was examined upon all subjects, required, and his examination was sustained except so far as related to the Hebrew. Whereupon it was

"*Resolved*, That with all earnestness and courtesy Mr. Blair be recommended to General Synod for a dispensation from the study of Hebrew.

"The ayes and noes were called for.

"*Resolved*, further, That in case Particular Synod in reviewing the action of Classis in regard to the above mentioned dispensation should deem the action illegal, then our Delegates to General Synod shall apply for a dispensation in his behalf.

"*Resolved*, further, That the Rev. H. P. Blair be received into Classis upon signing the formula."

The following action is recommended to Synod:

That in receiving Rev. Mr. Blair from the Congregational Church, despite his inability to pass an examination in Hebrew, we doubt not the Classis acted sincerely and conscientiously and in this case, probably as wisely as the case admitted of, yet we would urge upon this and all the Classes, great strictness in matters of examination and particular attention to Second Section of Article Two, of the Appendix to the Constitution.

Submitted,

WM. G. E SEE,

Chairman.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

There have been placed in the hands of your Committee two personal communications from the Rev. N. D. Williamson to the Stated Clerk of this Synod, on the subject of Mormon Polygamy. In view of the importance of the subject your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That General Synod be respectfully memorialized to give this subject due consideration, and to take such action as its great importance demands at the hands of our Church.

B. VAN ZANDT,
Committee.

The Committee on the Questorate reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

Your Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's account and vouchers thereof and found them to be correct, with the balance on hand, of $14.66. The report of the Questor is as follows:

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

The subscriber herewith presents his report, as Questor, of receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 30th, 1881, and also his resignation of the office of Questor, and asks the Synod to accept thereof.

JOHN. C. SCHUYLER.

West Troy, April 30th, 1881.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY

In account with JOHN C. SCHUYLER, Questor.

1880	Dr.		
June 1,	"	To Cash on account to J. Munsell, printing Minutes,.....	$44 00
24,	"	To Cash paid Munsell in full printing Minutes,.....	18 75

1881.			
April 1,	"	To Cash S. W. Strong, Salary as Stated Clerk,.....	50 00
"	"	To Cash S. W. Strong for postage,	60
"	"	To Cash S. W. Strong Stationery,	30
"	"	To Cash S. W. Strong 12 blanks for Classical reports,.....	96
"	"	To Cash S. W. Strong 250 blanks for Delegates,.....	2 00
"	"	To Cash S W. Strong 200 blanks for Committees,..... ..	1 25
"	"	To Cash Postage stamps for Questor's use,.....	38
30,	"	Balance to new account,.....	14 66
			$132 85
1880	Cr.		
May 1,	"	By Cash balance of last year,....	$6 85
" 1,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Saratoga,.....	14 00
" 19,	"	By Cash arrears Classis of Geneva to May 1st, 1880,.....	9 00
" 25,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Schenectady,.....	14 00
June 22,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Albany,.....	24 00
Sept. 2,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Greene,.....	12 00
Dec. 6,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Cayuga,...	9 00
1881.			
Feb. 18,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Ulster,.....	18 00
Mar. 26,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Rensselaer,.....	18 00
April 23,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Schoharie,.....	8 00
			$132 85

Classes in arrears, Montgomery $20.00, Geneva $9.00

Balance $14.66 due the Synod to be paid to my successor on demand.

JOHN C. SCHUYLER.

The Classis of Montgomery is in arrears for the past year for $20, and the Classis of Geneva for $9; they also found with regret that the Questor John C. Schuyler, presents his resignation; they therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resignation of the Questor, be accepted and the thanks of Synod presented to him for his faithful services rendered in the past.

Resolved, That Isaac Fondey of Albany be appointed Questor of Synod.

Resolved, That the Classes of Montgomery and Geneva be requested to settle their accounts with the Questor promptly.

Resolved, That the Questor of Synod be requested to send a bill annually to the stated clerks of the different classes at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. NEEF, *Chairman.*

The address of the Questor is Isaac Fondey, No. 57 Colonie St., Albany, N. Y.

The Committee on Synodical Report reported Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Report have examined the reports of the several classes, together with the statistical tables, and have endeavored to summarize their most vital points as briefly as possible. The several reports are unusually uniform in tone, and are pervaded with a deep sense of the need of, and a longing desire for, the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Each of them naturally turns into the prayer, which we believe is getting to be the strong cry of our whole church, "O Lord, revive Thy work."

The Classis of Albany report: "While there has been through the year no special revival of religion in the churches, yet in nearly every instance, strong, determined Christian effort seems to have characterized Christ's followers. In various ways the Lord has manifested His presence with His people and His love for Zion. Either, spiritually, in a deepening work of grace among His followers, or, temporally, in enabling them to liquidate some oppressive debt."

The Classis of Cayuga report: "In the fruit of Christian work, as far as it appears, this year has fallen back. Only one church speaks of any great increase during the year. Last year our classis reported 106 conversions, this year but forty-one, and fourteen of these from a single church. While Syracuse reports the completion of their new edifice of stone, with the exception of the spire, free from incumbrance, Utica reports the loss of their edifice by fire.

The Classis of Geneva reports delightful and profitable classical district conventions, and hopes to make them an established institution of Classis; but laments that "manifestly the Spirit of God, in His converting power, has been among us only in a small measure."

The Classis of Greene rejoices over the extinction or large reduction of the debts of several of their churches; but deplores the small number of accessions, nineteen on confession, being a decrease of thirty-four from last year. Mention is made of the benefit derived from the classical visitations.

The Classis of Montgomery report an accession of fifty-six on confession, twenty of whom were received by one of their churches at one communion. With this church they rejoice, and account for the small number in others partly by the unusual severity of the winter and the bad state of the roads. They believe "that a spirit of loyalty and devotion pervades their communion, which will promote the increase of our Church, and bring glory to that name which is above every name."

The Classis of Rensselaer report: "That all the churches have during the year enjoyed the stated means of grace; all except four have settled pastors, and these four have had supplies during much of the year. Three of the churches report evidences of the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit in special measure; in the others much need is felt of a spiritual baptism."

The Classis of Saratoga report: "The spiritual condition of many of our churches is most gratifying, but we have the other extreme, which should give solicitude, and should gain the prayerful consideration of the Classis."

The Classis of Schenectady report: "One church only has enjoyed a special baptism of the Holy Spirit, resulting in a large accession to her membership, while all our churches have undoubted evidence of Jesus' presence with us, and the power of the gospel among us."

The Classis of Schoharie report: "So far as we can hear, almost all of our churches are in a good state of

outward prosperity; but the state of spiritual dearth and death is *startling*, and should lead us to put on sackcloth like Daniel, and cry '*O Lord, hearken, hear, do, defer not.*' There have not been enough added on confession of faith to give *one* to each church within our bounds."

The Classis of Ulster report: "No marked revival interest has been reported by any of our churches, and in almost every instance the accessions on confession have been small. The whole number being thirty-three, while last year there were sixty-five. An earnest spirituality seems to be lacking on the part of many of Christ's people."

The tone of almost every one of these reports, in general, and in detail of the most of the churches represented, is that of lamentation over the small, *very* small, number of accessions by confession. The total of such accessions in the churches of this Synod is 429, while last year there were 702, a decrease of more than one-third. We thought the number very small last year, what shall we say of it now? We know indeed, that grace received and good done are not to be measured altogether by the number of conversions, the church, as well as the natural world has seed-time as well as harvest, and may be equally blessed and equally to be commended in either, but a *year* without a harvest is portent, in the church as well as in the world.

On the other hand, in every report there is gratified and grateful mention of the increase in benevolent contributions. This increase is so marked and so universal in the churches of our Synod, as to be phenomenal. The total contributions for religious and benevolent purposes in our Synod last year was $25,243.83. This year the amount is $30,287.18, a gain of about twenty per cent. The wonder is that such a gain in benevolence should be made in a year of such spiritual dearth. No doubt the increase is very largely or altogether due to the urgent appeal in behalf of the liquidation of the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions. But would a church spiritually comatose listen to such an appeal?

Our retrospect then is not altogether over spiritual

darkness, but the darkness is deep enough to give us gravest concern, and to lead us to anxious counsel over the way out of it. Your committee submit these convictions of duty in the present spiritual condition of our churches.

First. On the part of ministers and elders, this is a time for great searchings of heart. There is something dreadfully wrong somewhere: let us begin by each one solemnly asking "Lord, is it I." How is it between our own souls and our Saviour? Close up to the Great Captain, brethren, or the battle will go against us.

Secondly. Let us be intensely careful to preach only the pure, solid, blessed gospel, which alone is able to make wise unto Salvation.

Thirdly. Let us, let the whole church over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers, pray importunately and unceasingly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that God's word may not return unto Him void, and that we, the undershepherds, lose no sheep of His. If we are ever to say "Lord, here am I, and those whom Thou hast given me" it will be not by might, nor by power, but by the Holy Ghost.

We find the following ministerial changes noted: The Classis of Albany, and with them our whole Synod and denomination, mourn the sudden and, humanly speaking, untimely death of the Rev. D. K. Bartlett, D.D. But the Master knew best, and no doubt it is well with His good and faithful servant. In the Classis of Cayuga, Rev. R. H. Barr has been received from the Classis of Bergen, the Rev. H. P. Blair has been received from the Congregational Church, and the Rev. P. Moeling has been received into the Classis. Rev. J. Edmonson, has been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery. Rev. H. W. Warnshuis has been dismissed to the Classis of Illinois

In the Classis of Geneva, the Rev. G. J. Renskers has been released from the church of Clymer, and Rev. Wm. H. Nasholds has been received from the Classis of Paramus and installed over the church of Geneva.

In the Classis of Rensselaer, Rev. A. H. Brush has been dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island; Rev. Wm. C. Fowler has been released from the

church of Stuyvesant Falls; Rev. Isaac S. Schenck has been received from the Classis of Kingston and installed over the Second Church of Ghent; Rev. James S. N. Demarest has been received from the Classis of of Ulster and installed over the church of Nassau.

In the Classis of Montgomery the Rev. John Minor has been released from the church of Port Jackson, and Rev. J. R. Kyle has been received from the U. P. Presbytery of Monongahela and installed over said church. The church of Mohawk has called the Rev. Jas. Edmonson; Rev. Abram Mattice has been dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie. Rev. W. B. Van Benschoten has been called from the Church on earth to the Church above.

In the Classis of Saratoga the Rev. J. G. Ogden has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Binghamton. Rev. C. P. Evans has been received from the Susquehanna Congregational Association. The Rev. J. G. Smart has been released from the church of Greenwich.

In the Classis of Schenectady, Rev. W. W. Letson has been released from the church of Amity. Rev. E. C. Lawrence has been released from the Second Church Schenectady. Rev. Peter E. Kipp has been received from the South Classis of Long Island, and installed pastor of Second Schenectady. Classis has approved a call of the church of Amity upon the Rev. Benjamin A. Bartholf of the Presbytery of Albany.

In the Classis of Schoharie the Rev. E. N. Sebring has been settled over the church of Middleburgh. Rev. W. C. Handy has been released from the church of Schoharie. Rev. A. F. Todd has been received from the Classis of Orange and installed over the church of Schoharie. Rev. W. H. Carr has been released from the church of Gallupville. Rev. N. F. Nickerson has been received from the Presbytery of North River and is to be installed over the church of Prattsville. Rev. John M. Scribner has been removed by death.

In the Classis of Ulster the licenciate Frank A. Force has been received, ordained, and installed over the church of Woodstock. Rev. J. N. Voorhis has been

released from the church of Esopus, and Rev. B. C. Miller has been released from the church of Roxbury. The Rev. J. S. N. Demarest has been dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

For the relief of future committees on Synodical Report, and for the proper commemoration of our brethren who are called to rest from their labors, we recommend that a Committee on Necrology be added to the regular committees of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. De Baun,
C. P. Ditmars,
Henry K. Boer,
J. I. Boice,
H. Van Orden.

In accordance with the above report the following committee was appointed on Necorology, to report to the next Synod:

Revs. J. A. De Baun, Selah W. Strong, and Elder W. T. L. Saunders.

Resolved, That the stated clerks of the several classes be directed to notify the Chairman of Synods' Committee on Necrology of every death of ministers within their bounds, accompanying such notice with such facts in regard to the deceased as may be within their reach.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Albany,	Rufus W. Clark,	284	14	20	5	..	10	742	10	2	....	....	1	461	5600.00	$8543.90	Albany, N. Y.
Second Albany,	...	149	1	..	2	..	1	318	..	..	....	....	1	274	874.51	6718.67	Albany, N. Y.
Third Albany,	James B. Campbell,	123	2	8	6	..	4	198	13	1	....	18	1	241	64.95	8722.11	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Albany,	J. F. Neef,	58	6	..	4	..	1	112	10	..	....	40	1	120	47.25	949.34	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany,	Henry K. Boer,	70	6	2	1	..	2	110	5	..	....	90	1	105	251.27	1004.89	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem,	Wm. J. Skillman,	140	2	1	2	..	2	224	5	1	....	....	4	330	163.63	1326.79	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem,	J. L. Pearse (S. C.),	85	4	6	8	..	5	202	12	1	72	60	1	110	281.73	1125.00	Adam's Station, N. Y.
Second Berne,	G. M. D. Slocum	74	..	1	5	..	..	141	4	..	....	....	1	70	19.03	440.00	Knox, N. Y.
Knox,	G. M. D. Slocum	27	4	..	..	..	3	55	5	2	....	....	2	100	30.19	490.00	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville,	A. G. Lansing,	56	1	..	..	..	3	123	1	1	....	....	2	173	15.00	316.52	New Salem, N. Y.
Coeymans,	H. P. Craig,	85	5	4	8	..	9	151	3	2	....	150	1	150	252.52	1534.62	Coeymans, N. Y.
Jerusalem,	Edwin Vedder	93	1	..	..	..	1	128	3	1	....	....	1	150	34.38	664.94	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem,	A. G. Lansing,	83	..	1	6	1	4	244	5	..	....	....	1	163	81.76	956.60	New Salem, N. Y.
Onesquethaw,	Edwin Vedder	50	..	..	1	..	2	63	..	..	....	....	1	68	15.38	351.82	Jerusalem, N. Y.
Union,	A. C. Millspaugh,	50	..	..	1	..	..	49	1	..	....	60	1	60	24.26	806.22	Union Church, N. Y.
New Baltimore,	J. L. Zabriskie,	72	5	4	7	..	2	182	..	1	...	18	1	84	229 30	1806.71	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo,	S. T. Cole,	56	3	1	1	..	1	98	..	2	...	....	1	60	37.74	716.59	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total,	...	1555	54	48	57	1	50	3140	77	14	72	436	22	2719	$8092.90	$36474.72	

Other Ministers.— A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore, N. Y.; J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota,	Supplied,†	35	4	1	....	....	..	*55	1	....	69	.....	1	70	$13.26	$1334.98	Canastota, N. Y.
Chittenango,	C. O. Thatcher,	66	1	2	1	....	2	110	1	....	35	.....	1	120	79.50	2146.16	Chittenango, N. Y.
Cicero,	Vacant,	70	14	..	....	....	..	..	....	12	..	.....	1	90	.....	1000 00	Cicero, N. Y.
Naumburg,	Peter A. Mölling, P. E.	35	....	....	..	....	2	89	5	....	90	30	2	65	3.00	65.00	Naumburg, N. Y.
New Bremen,	Peter A. Mölling, P. E.	10	....	..	....	....	....	35	2	....	35	8	..	..	.....	.....	Naumburg, N. Y.
Owasco,	Robert H. Barr,	130	9	2	....	....	1	115	1	1	....	.....	1	115	19.50	1824.01	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet,	Charles Anderson,	40	..	1	....	....	3	*55	1	..	....	.....	1	70	98.12	656.31	Auburn, N. Y.
Syracuse,	Evert Van Slyke,	165	4	6	3	..	2	275	5	1	..	150	..	280	738.00	13468.00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles	Henry DeVries,*	55	....	....	....	....	....	87	....	....	98	.. ..	1	100	.....	.....	Alexandria, N. Y.
Utica,	Isaac S. Hartley,	141	2	3	..	....	5	220	3	....	..	.. .	1	140	1995.19	3482.78	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden,	Supplied,‡	30	6	....	....	.	1	61	1	....	144	.. .	..	.....	16.00	.....	West Leyden, N. Y.
Total,	.....	777	40	15	4	..	16	1102	20	14	471	188	9	1050	2962.57	$23677.24	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Geo. Rockwell, Fulton, N. Y.; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Mill Point, Mont. Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. A. Wurst, Canastota, N. Y. Stated supply Wampville Pres. Church, Rev. H. P. Blair.

† Rev. J. W. Whitfield. ‡ Rev. John Reiner West Leyden. * Revised list.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Abbe Church,	Vacant,	60	....	...	...		...	118	10	...	.....	35	1	50	$31.40	$150.00	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Arcadia,	Vacant,	....	...	..	...	...	....	.....	...	...	.....	...	....	.....	....	.....	East Newark, Wayne.
Buffalo,	Vacant,	30	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	... ..	41	....	54	.....	....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Cato,	Vacant,	65	...	..	...	...	1	66	..	...	.....	.....	1	75	95.00	580.00	Cato, Cayuga. Co.
Caroline,	Vacant,	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	... .	.....	Slaterville, Tomp. "
Clymer,†	M. Van Doren,	84	....	....	...	...	...	174	9	...	.....	45	1	100	60.63	785.00	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk,	M. Van Doren,	15	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	.....	.....	1	13	4 00	43.73	Dunkirk, "
East Williamson,	A. B. Veenhuisen,	107	5	10	4	....	1	250	18	...	.....	.....	1	120	120.00	750.00	Williamson, Wayne.
Fair Haven,	J. L. Southard,	62	3	1	...	...	1	89	1	2	38	.....	1	101	67.15	655.00	Fair Haven, Cayuga.
Farmer Village,	P. Furbeck,	110	....	4	3	....	1	188	1	....	45	.....	1	120	145.42	1719.38	Farmer Vil. Sen. Co.
Geneva,	Wm. H. Nasholds,	52	2	....	1	...	1	125	...	1	.....	25	1	40	74.33	1000.00	Geneva, Ontario "
Lodi,	H. P. McAdam,	145	2	5	9	...	2	210	2	2	78	... ..	1	227	300.67	2620.00	Lodi, Seneca "
Marion,	Vacant,	120	3	8	8	...	2	267	16	1	.....	.. ..	1	175	25.00	175.00	Marion, Wayne "
Mina,*	Vacant,	13	....	.	4	..	...	29	...	....	.....	32	..	35	15.39	43.97	Mina, Chautauqua "
Pultneyville,	P. G. M. Bähler,	75	....	5	...	...	1	115	5	...	.....	.....	1	75	51.00	558.91	Pultneyville, Wayne.
Rochester,	Peter DeBruyn,	197	4	3	11	3	6	250	19	...	.....	140	1	235	209.74	2598.32	Rochester, Monroe.
Tyre,	J. H. Van Doren,	42	2		1	...	1	54	....	1	.. ..	.....	1	90	152.83	585.06	Malcom, Seneca Co.
Total,		1179	21	36	37	3	17	2052	81	7	161	298	13	1519	$1335.87	$12218.76	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (S. C.), Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. P. B. Bähler, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. R. Wells, D.D., Cato, Cayuga Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer, Westfield, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

* Report of 1879. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Bap. non-communicants.	Cat'l. & B. C.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Ins.	S. S. Average No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens,.....	A. D. Campbell,....	70	5	..	4	....	....	190	8	3	47	.....	10	160	$269.78	$1717.20	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens,.....	Dr. Boocock, S. S....	20	3	2	..	....	....	30	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Catskill,..	J. B. Thompson,.. ...	185	3	8	8	....	2	392	12	3	....	50	....	250	369.71	6528.14	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie,.....	M. G. Hansen,.....	80	3	5	..	....	7	210	2	....	25	21	..	76	114.43	1659.27	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie,...	J. H. Salisbury,.....	150	3	8	..	....	4	332	...	1	50	100	..	200	500.23	2645.42	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom, ...	G. J. Van Neste,.. ..	85	4	3	4	....	5	214	7	.....	64	.....	....	80	169.45	882.33	Catskill, N. Y.
Leeds,..	C. P. Ditmars,.....	66	1	5	2	....	1	105	3	1	62	.....	...	70	21.54	934.25	Leeds, N Y.
Total,.....	.....	656	22	31	18	....	19	1473	32	8	248	171	10	836	$1.445.14	$14.366.61	

Other Ministers.—Rev. M. Lusk, Coxsackie, N. Y.; Rev. B. Van Zandt (S C.), Catskill, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. School.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville,	F. M. Kip, Jr., S. S.	46	1	6	..	....	2	42	..	..	.....	....	1	63	$18.39	$387.22	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie,	Richard R. Williams,	145	4	3	3	..	1	199	10	1	.....	.....	2	258	242.48	1675.00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia, *	Vacant,	93	..	..	..	..	..	98	..	..	.....	....	0	50	.....	.....	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville,	Vacant,	44	..	1	1	..	1	29	..	..	29	.....	1	15	9.53	250.00	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown,	J. M Compton, S. S.	29	..	..	..	....	3	51	1	..	33	.. ..	1	51	91.39	667.81	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah, *	Vacant,	87	..	..	..	..	..	145	..	..	.....	.....	1	78	.....	.....	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida,	Richard A Pearse,	75	..	1	3	..	2	126	4	..	.. ..	.. ..	1	150	80.00	5000.00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda,	Thos. Walker Jones,	212	4	..	2	..	10	418	7	2	.....	.. ..	1	240	764.98	2000.00	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain,	D. Wortman, D.D.,	150	8	3	1	..	4	185	6	2	50	.....	1	200	746.60	2538.15	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer,	Vacant,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	....
Fultonville,	Francis M. Kip, Jr.,	105	2	6	4	2	5	143	3	..	37	.....	1	105	271.34	1579.30	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen,	R. L. Schoonmaker,	110	..	..	3	..	..	151	..	..	..	..	2	100	100.00	1000.00	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills,	A. J. Hageman, S. C.	75	5	1	1	..	1	106	6	....	50	40	2	145	263.59	1000.00	Hagaman's Mills.
Henderson,	Daniel Lord,	25	..	2	..	..	2	20	8	..	.. ..	.....	1	20	60 00	.....	Jordonville, N. Y.
Herkimer,	Ralph W. Brokaw,	143	7	6	..	..	6	168	6	3	.. ..	153	1	153	272.57	1483.23	Herkimer, N. Y.
Indian Castle, *	Vacant,	13	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....
Manheim,	John Minor, S. S.,	40	..	..	..	..	..	65	..	..	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown,	J. M. Compton, P. E.,	63	..	..	..	..	1	72	..	..	4	.....	1	40	.....	648.00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk, *	James Edmonson,	85	..	..	..	..	..	87	..	..	.....	.....	1	110	.....	.....	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson,	J. R. Kyle,	103	20	4	20	..	4	185	7	12	75	20	1	196	77.14	1312 00	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville,	Albert Dod Minor,	108	5	5	1	..	6	155	6	1	.. ..	60	2	145	157.00	1120.00	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Spraker's Basin, *	J. M. Compton, S. S.,	40	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	.....	.....	1	41	.....	.....	Spraker's Basin, N. Y.
Stone Arabia,	Vacant,	51	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1742	56	38	39	2	48	2577	64	21	278	273	23	2200	$3,155.01	$20,660.71	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, Cortland Co. N. Y., Gilbert Lane, Readington, Hunterdon Co. N. J. *Last years report.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blooming Grove,	Wm. H. Van Doren,	55	13	4	1	...	2	190	2	2	42	.....	2	130	$67.43	$1365.67	Defreestville, Rens. Co.
Castleton,	George A. Mills,	100	1	....	..	...	6	170	3	..	... ..	.....	2	150	141.81	2326.81	Castleton, Rens. Co.
Chatham,	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.,	105	1	3	2	....	2	163	....	1	.....	.....	1	185	311.66	1582.13	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent,	John B. Drury,	75	..	6	....	..	1	119	2	..	34	20	1	95	215.00	1620.00	Ghent, Col. Co., N. Y.
Second Ghent,	Isaac S. Schenck,	82	17	1	1	...	4	134	4	3	57	.....	1	80	70.93	1254.00	Stockport, Col. Co.
Greenbush,	John Steele,	127	4	18	5	....	2	291	8	..	100	30	1	125	400.00	2357.05	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook,	Edward A. Collier,	175	1	9	4	.	8	307	2	....	125	80	1	158	2005.92	3195.49	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau,	Jas. S. N. Demarest,	150	1	1	....	....	...	320	...	1	40	.....	2	150	232.24	1784.43	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord,	Theo. S. Brown, S. S,	31	..	...	1	..	2	33	1	....	.....	.....	1	42	29.00	375.64	New Concord, Col. Co.
Schodack,	Wm. Veenschoten,	80	1	2	7	...	1	121	3	...	162	40	3	100	152.97	1787.34	Multzeskill, Rens. Co.
Schodack Landing,	Wm. J. Leggett, S. C.,	80	14	3	3	....	2	173†	10	2	110	60	1	140	160.11	1146.65	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Nevius,	80	1	2	4	...	2	97	...	..	37	.....	1	73	256.13	523.62	Stuyvesant, N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls,	Vacant,*	60‡	....	....	....	...	..	105	....	...	.....	.....	....	50	20 00	700.00	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1200	54	49	28	....	32	2123	35	9	706	230	17	1478	$4063.25	$20528.83	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired* Rev. William C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota, *practicing law.*

* Supplied by Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn. † Revised List. ‡ Last years report.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Boght,	Geo. I. Taylor,	30	1	1	3	..	.	52	..	1	62	....	1	53	$24.00	$441.97	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Buskirks,	Vacant,	33	..	..	..	..	3	66	..	..	66	....	1	75	35.00	475.00	Buskirks, Wash. Co.
Cohoes,	J. Paschal Strong	212	11	5	11	2	3	384	11	4	....	....	1	340	211.08	4930.36	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Easton,	Vacant,†	30	..	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	....	....	..	..	.....	...	Easton, Wash. Co.
Fort Miller,	D. K. Van Doren, S.S.	39	13	..	1	..	3	75	..	9	60	....	1	62	25.23	225.31	Fort Miller, Wash. Co.
Gansevoort,	A. G. Cochran, S.S.	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	1	..	30	20	2	60	.. ..	250.00	Gansevooot, N. Y.
Northumberland,	Vacant,	81	1	..	..	1	1	90	..	1	115	...	1	93	32.07	500.00	Northumberland, N. Y.
Rensselaer,	George I. Taylor	13	..	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	9	....	1	30	....	190.00	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Saratoga,	D. K. Van Doren	60	1	6	2	..	1	154	.	..	20	....	1	125	138.82	1628.70	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke,	Edward G. Ackerman,	44	..	..	..	..	1	67	2	..	34	....	1	65	28.00	912.81	Reynolds, Rens. Co.
Union Village,	Vacant,	45	..	..	6	..	1	105	3	..	119	.. ..	..	....	41.36	1051.68	Greenwich, Wash. Co.
West Troy,	Jno. G. Lansing,	163	4	6	2	..	2	251	4	2	.. ..	....	1	295	517.38	3530.88	West Troy, Albany Co.
West Troy (South),	Selah W. Strong, S.C.	150	11	3	9	..	4	228	22	9	120	179	1	309	885.86	2876 51	West Troy, Albany Co.
Wynantskill,	C. P. Evans, S.S.	82	13	3	..	..	1	100		..	....	....	1	60	55.00	1122.81	Wynantskill, Rens. Co.
Total,	... .	982	55	24	34	3	23	1652	43	26	635	199	13	1567	$1993.80	$18236.03	

Other Ministers.— Rev. O. H. Gregory, D.D., West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, D.D., Supplying Pres. Church at Hillsdale, Mich.

† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Schenectady.....	William E. Griffis, ..	270	4	6	3	...	1	412	1	2	.....	200	3	650	$1941.52	$5527.05	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady,.	Peter E. Kipp,.....	100	1	2	11	...	2	†156	2	....	40	150	1	156	43.97	1797.51	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville,.....	William N. Randles,.	159	3	6	1	...	6	285	2	1	....	170	2	254	591.92	2220.00	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville, ...	Herman Vanderwart,	85	25	4	...	...	4	160	6	16	.....	.....	3	200	75.00	1129.00	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam,.....	John C. Lowe, ...	130	4	..	2	...	4	123	2	2	50	.....	2	130	97.00	850.00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam,...	Ira Van Allen,.....	66	4	2	3	....	4	70	5	2	50	.. ...	1	90	25.00	742.50	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg, ...	Samuel L. Gamble,...	249	20	3	3	...	9	521	9	4	.....	.....	4	266	22.00	1425.00	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna, ...	John A. DeBaun, S.C.,	100	11	3	2	...	....	2\5	7	1	100	100	3	200	280.00	1100.00	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill, ...	John A. DeBaun,.....	85	4	....	6	...	2	174	...	1	50	100	2	160	211.56	1100 00	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Amity, ...	Benj. A. Bartholf,*...	84	2	...	...	...	2	134	....	....	.....	70	1	150	118.00	1725.00	Visschers' Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown,.....	J. Kelley Rhinehart,.	90	1	...	..	...	2	274	10	....	50	70	1	150	153.40	1057.85	Dunnsville, N. Y.
Total, ...	....	1418	79	26	31	...	36	2514	44	29	340	860	23	2406	$3559.37	$18673.91	

Other Ministers. — Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.; Wm. H. Phraner, Jamaica, N. Y.; E. C. Lawrence, Schenectady, N. Y.; Wm. W. Letson, New Brunswick, N. J.

* Pastor elect.

† Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Schoharie	Augustus F. Todd	82	1	...	5	.	2	144	....	1	.....	20	1	150	$70 13	$1050 00	Schoharie, N. Y.
Middleburgh	Elbert N. Sebring	100	1	1	1	....	3	132	6	....	200	.....	1	100	45 76	1096 18	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Gallupville	Vacant.	45	..	....	....	....	2	96	....	....	15	37	1	85	18 00	417 50	Gallupville, N. Y.
Berne	R. Doig (S. C.)	70	10	3	....	.....	4	131	3	4	39	20	1	60	76 52	760 00	Berne, Albany Co.
Beaverdam	Robert Doig	60	.....	....	....	....	1	107	..	....	25	30	1	100	21 40	596 73	Berne, Albany Co.
Lawyerville	William P. Davis	50	....	....	....	..	2	66	....	....	.... ..	20	1	50	45 00	700 00	Lawyerville, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain	Wm. D Buckelew	50	....	2	....	....	1	92	2	..	.. ..	.....	1	60	25 61	575 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
North Blenheim	Edward Miller	35	1	....	....	....	1	42	....	....	.... ..	10	1	45	44 58	190 00	North Blenheim, N.Y.
Breakabin	Edward Miller	30	..	....	....	....	....	53	..	.	.....	10	1	65	.....	215 00	North Blenheim, N.Y.
Sharon	Vacant	47	2	..	1	....	4	126	....	....	.....	70	1	140	50 00	.....	Sharon Centre, N. Y.
Gilboa	Vacant	70	....	....	....	....	4	100	....	....	.....	70	1	140	.....	2300 00	Gilboa, Schoharie Co.
Central Bridge	Wm. D. Buckelew	90	....	....	....	....	1	14	....	....	.....	.....	1	40	3 00	100 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Prattsville	*N. F. Nickerson	50	....	....	3	....	2	69	....	....	.... ..	1	1	62	.....	1000 00	Prattsville, GreeneCo.
Moresville	Vacant.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Grand Gorge, N. Y.
Total,	.....	709	15	6	10	...	27	1172	11	5	279	298	13	1097	$400 00	$9000 41	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 51 Seventh ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. W. H. Van Woert, Lawyerville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., age and infirm; Rev. T. L. Shafer, East Main, Broom Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. Wm. C. Handy, 34 Vesey st. N. Y., Ed. Sower; Rev. W. H. Carr, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Kershow, Ridgeway, Lenawee Co., Michigan.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
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Blue Mountain,	George W. Labaw,	125	2	1	3	..	5	245	19	1	215	40	2	150	$114.04	$992.60	Saugerties, N. Y.
Coatsban,	Stephen Searle,	75	1	3	3	..	1	173	4	..	113	.....	1	.....	544.00	1101.49	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush,	Vacant,	130	2	3	...	..	6	275	11	...	420	.....	3	250	140.25	1323.75	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston,	J. G. Van Slyke,	242	6	3	2	....	6	461	3	2	...	...	...	350	1029.16	4482.36	Kingston, N. Y.
North Esopus,	A. M. Arsularius,	90	3	....	2	....	1	155	8	1	110	.....	1	186	151.31	1044.86	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill,	William G. E. See,	140	4	1	3	...	5	244	10	....	...	.. ..	3	160	72.10	975.00	Glasco, N. Y.
Roxbury,	Vacant,	73	2	3	..	..	2	104	7	1	23	...	....	.....	40.67	469.13	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties,	Sanford H. Cobb,	195	4	8	8	....	4	326	8	....	168	150	1	150	998.08	3542.44	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken,	A. J. Beekman,	46	1	...	..	....	1	72	..	....	... ..	.....	1	55	55.68	346.00	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan,	A. J. Beekman,	69	..	1	4	2	1	124	...	....	...	.....	1	60	43.32	539.00	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville,	Bergen B. Staats,	25	3	...	...	...	...	42	...	3	20	.....	1	35	....	135.00	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley,	Bergen B. Staats,	62	1	1	2	...	5	121	2	..	100	106	1	106	36.47	381.79	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock,	Frank A. Force,	61	....	2	1	....	1	120	1	...	81	....	2	110	14.22	447.38	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck,	William A. Shaw, S.S.,	44	4	1	8	....	2	76	2	..	27	.....	1	200	110.00	624.22	Kingston, N. Y.
Total,	..	1377	33	27	36	2	40	2538	75	8	1277	296	18	1812	$3249.30	$16405.02	

Other Ministers. — **Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. A. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. W. S. Moro, Etna, Bergen Co., N. J.; Rev. J. N. Voorhies, S. C., Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. B. C. Miller, Rev. N. F. Chapman, Smith's Landing, Greene Co., N. Y.**

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Classes.	Census.			Communicants.						Baptized.			C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Albany,	17	18	1555	54	48	57	1	50	3140	77	14	72	436	22	2719	$8022.90	$36474.72	Rev. J. L. Pearse.
Cayuga,	11	14	777	40	15	4	...	16	1102	20	14	471	188	9	1050	2062.57	23677.24	Rev. W. A. Wurts.
Geneva,	17	14	1179	21	36	37	3	17	2052	81	7	161	298	13	1519	1335.87	12218.76	Rev. Jno. Whitbeck.
Greene,	7	9	656	22	31	18	...	19	1473	32	8	248	171	7	836	1445.14	14366.61	Rev. B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery,	23	17	1742	56	38	39	2	48	2577	64	21	278	273	23	2200	3155.01	20660.71	Rev. A. J. Hegeman.
Rensselaer,	13	13	1200	54	49	28	...	32	2123	35	9	706	230	17	1478	4063.25	20528.83	Rev. Wm. J. Leggett.
Saratoga,	11	13	982	55	24	34	3	23	1652	43	26	635	199	13	1567	1993.80	18236.03	Rev. Selah W. Strong.
Schenectady,	11	15	1418	79	26	31	...	36	2514	44	29	340	860	23	2406	3559.37	18673.91	Rev. Jno. A. De Baun.
Schoharie,	14	14	709	15	6	10	..	27	1172	11	5	279	298	13	1097	400.00	9000.41	Rev. Robert Doig.
Ulster,	15	20	1377	33	27	36	2	40	2538	75	8	1277	296	18	1812	3349.36	16405.02	Rev. J. N. Voorhis.
Total,	142	147	11595	429	300	294	11	308	20343	482	141	4467	3249	158	16684	$30287.21	$190,242.24	

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH VISITATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Church Visitation reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

To the Particular Synod of Albany:

Your Committee would report as follows: during the early part of the year, circular letters were sent out by your Committee to the Classes, recommending certain methods of Church Visitation, also reiterating and recommending so much of last year' report as related to Pastors preaching "upon the duties of Elders and Deacons," urging the respective Classes to take such action, as might be deemed best under their peculiar circumstances.

Reports of the actions taken and the work done, have been received from all the Classes, except that of Cayuga. The Classes of Geneva, Saratoga, Schenectady and Greene, have engaged very thoroughly in the work of visitation during the year, by holding conventions, in individual Churches, or in central locations for the accommodation of districts.

The Classis of Albany, at its last meeting, adopted a scheme, with unanimity and even enthusiasm, for the purpose of arousing their Churches in the various departments of Church work.

The Classis of Greene adopted an action "urging the Pastors to preach in the course of the year, for the purpose of stirring up Consistories to a more faithful observance of their duty, with regard to the missionary work of the Church."

The Classis of Montgomery appointed committees to look after the vacant Churches; in settled congregations nothing was done.

The Classis of Schoharie left it with each Pastor to arrange for Church Visitation, as the need and circumstances of his Church might suggest.

In the Classis of Rensselaer nothing was done in the way of Church Visitation.

This briefly summarizes the work of the Synod in

Church Visitation during the year closed, so far as learned by your Committee.

Where the work has been faithfully performed, the attendance has been usually good, the impressions and results most satisfactory. Says one, "the meetings were well attended and created a great deal of interest and were the means of stimulating to renewed activity." Says another, speaking of meetings and results in certain Churches, "deep feeling was manifest," again, "increased attendance and interest in prayer meetings ever since." Still another says, the results were so happy that he would recommend that these visitations be made a special feature of our classical work each year. Your committee would recommend that the work of Church Visitation be more regularly and systematically maintained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. P. McADAM,
Chairman.

These Committees were continued, as by the report of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The special committee to whom was referred the communication of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, made the following report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Facts indicate that we have reached a very important period in the history of our missions.

The work without doubt is most successful and encouraging. It is a *growing work*, and as such must have a *growing support.*

And there is every promise of this needed growth in our home church. The past year has witnessed *most cheering results*, never before has the subject of missions received such universal attention, never before has the church contributed so largely.

The *debt*, so long burdensome and crippling, has we believe, under the guiding hand of God proved a bless-

ing. It called forth not only earnest effort in raising funds, but more especially much needed information concerning our mission work, and as the result of these, the debt is paid, and a missionary spirit created throughout the church which gives promise of better things in the future.

These facts should cause a jubilee of joy in every christian heart, and inasmuch as we have already enterred upon our *jubilee year*, the whole church should celebrate it by more faihful work and liberal giving.

The work is not done.

Our Lord's command: "Go teach all nations," is still binding upon us, and from our chosen fields we hear still the most urgent appeals for help. The dispensary which had to be, *and is still* closed, is an instrument of great good, and now that a suitable person has offered himself for this position, he should by all means be sent without delay.

In order to meet this and other increased demands our Secretary in his communication to this Synod, says that the Board needs an increase of *ten per cent* in appropriations for this year.

They should have it, we believe the church will give it. Your Committee would recommend the following action.

Resolved, That we acknowledge with gratitude the faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God in rewarding so abundantly our efforts to advance His Kingdom in the dark places of the earth during the past year. The present hopeful condition of our mission work is due to His blessing upon us, and we would give Him all the praise.

Resolved, That the churches of this Synod through its several classes be urged to put forth renewed effort during the present year in order to meet the increasing demands of our Missions. Let *every church* be engaged in the work, adopting if possible some system of contributing that shall reach every individual in our communion.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the beneficial influence of the missionary convention held at Poughkeepsie

in November last, and express the hope that the General Synod will take such action as will provide for another at a proper time and place, as provided for in the resolution passed at its last session.

Resolved, That we also approve of and commend as promotive of a missionary spirit the plan of holding Inter-Seminary Missionary Conventions, as carried out in our own Seminary at New Brunswick *last fall.*

Resolved, That as soon as convenient this Synod shall devote one hour to discussion on the various features and needs of our Foreign Mission work, especially those facts presented in the communication received from the Secretary. Rev. S. H. Cobb to open followed by J. H. Salisbury, J. A. DeBaun, and others.

Respectfully submitted.

H. P. CRAIG,
Chairman.

In accordance with the above report, Synod appointed the hour following the administration of the Lord's Supper as a season for discussing the needs and interests of the Board.

ARTICLE XII.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
REV. James B. Campbell,	REV. J. Lansing Pearse,
J. L. Zabriskie,	A. C. Millspaugh,
Solomon T. Cole,	William J. Skillman.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Michael Vandenburgh,	Edward Hotaling,
Charles Clute,	Harmon H. Vanderzee.
H. W. Mead,	Henry Springsteed.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers	*Ministers.*
Rev. Isaac S. Hartley,	Rev. Robert H. Barr,
Wm. A. Wurts,	E. Van Slyke,
H. De Vries,	C. O. Thatcher.
Elders.	*Elders.*
I. S. Hornbeck,	Geo. Du Bois,
J. B. Burnet,	Jacob Colyer,
James New,	Jacob Bergman.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. B.Van Zandt, D.D.,	Rev. A. D. Campbell,
M. G. Hansen,	C. P. Ditmars,
Geo. J. Van Neste,	Jno. H. Salisbury.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Wm. H. Van Orden,	Wm. Terry,
Jno. B. Whitbeck,	M. Van Loon,
Peter Day,	Jas. F. Elting.

Classis of Geneva.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. P. De Bruyn,	Rev. J. L. Southard,
J. H. Van Doren,	D. Furbeck,
R. Wells,	Wm. H. Nasholds.
Elders.	*Elders.*
J. Van Doren,	Robert Hume,
E. J. Schoomaker,	J. W. Rapelyea,
L. Van Doren,	J. Van Riper.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. R. M. Stanbrough,	Rev. T. W. Jones,
A. D. Minor,	D. Wortman, D.D.,
J. M. Compton,	F. M. Kip, Jr.,
R. A. Pearse,	R. L. Schoonmaker,
Elders.	*Elders.*
P. S. Wiers,	Jacob Hess,
Geo. Timmerman,	Andrew Dunn,
Jacob T. Schuyler,	A. Van Horn,
S. H. Vedder,	L. L. Dean.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. John Steele, D.D.,	Rev. Wm. J. Leggett,
Edward A. Collier,	Elbert Nevins,
Wm. Veenschoten,	Wm. H. Van Doren.
Elders.	*Elders.*
John Vandenbergh,	P. G. Ten Eyck,
Wm. H. Rainey,	J. T. Ham,
H. W. Masten,	M. Van Alstyne.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. Paschal Strong,	Rev. Jno. G. Smart,
O. H. Gregory, D.D.,	Selah W. Strong,
Edw. G. Ackerman,	Geo. I. Taylor.
Elders.	*Elders.*
J. H. DeRidder,	G. L. Schuyler,
Dav. H. Van Auken,	Dav. J. Johnson,
D. Hilt,	J. H. Harmon.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Wm. N. Randles,	Rev. W. W. Letson,
John C. Lowe,	H. Vanderwart,
Samuel L. Gamble,	J. K. Rhinehart.
Elders.	*Elders.*
B. J. Romeyn,	N. V. Fort,
Alexander Dorn,	J. S. Lansing,
S. P. Jacobson,	Wm. J. Relyea.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. N. Sebring,	Rev. J. H. Van Woert,
R. Doig,	Edward Miller,
A. F. Todd,	John S. Lott.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Hon. P. S. Danforth,	Seneca Zimmer,
M. Fredenburg,	Teunis Swart,
James Waterbury,	Chas. Couch.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. B. B. Staats,	Rev. W. A. Shaw,
J. C. F. Hoes,	A. M. Arcularius,
S. H. Cobb,	J. N. Voorhis.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Chas. Bushnell,	Wm. A. Portugee,
Cor. Van Gasbeck,	Israel Burger,
Uriah Van Etten,	U. H. Houghtaling.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to print 400 copies of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be and are hereby tendered to the Pastor, and families of the church of Saugerties for their generous hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Rev. Dr. Hartley for his able aud instructive sermon, and that a copy of this sermon be requested for publication in the Christian Intelligencer.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to prepare and publish annually in the Minutes a list of the successive Presidents of this Synod, and also of those who have preached special sermons before Synod, said lists to begin with a date at the discretion of the Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called.

The session was closed with singing, prayer and pronouncing the benediction by the President.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church of Catskill, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1882, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

J. B. DRURY, *President.*
E. VAN SLYKE, *Adsessor.*

B. B. STAATS, } *Clerks.*
P. FURBECK, }

Copy from original minutes.

SELAH W. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

Selah W. Strong
Stated Clerk

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1862–1881.

1862. Rev. E. Vedder, Catskill.
1863. J. Minor, 2nd Schenectady.
1864. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. J. A. Lansing, D.D., Fonda.
1866. Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston.
1867. John L. McNair, 2nd Albany.
1868. Philip Peltz, D.D., Saugerties.
1869. B. Van Zandt, D.D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. John A. De Baun, West Troy (North).
1871. S. J. Rogers, Kinderhook.
1872. R. W. Clark, D.D., Canajoharie.
1873. J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., Cohoes.
1874. Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
1875. Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. John B. Thompson, D.D., W. Troy (South).
1877. Alex. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village.
1878. J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. Edw. A. Collier, Chatham Village.
1880. Geo. J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. John B. Drury, Saugerties.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."
1872. E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the church."
1873. John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."
1874. T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."
1875. J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."
1876. J. A. DeBaun, "The expectations of the church of God."
1777. Chas. N. Waldron, "Systematic Beneficence."

1878. C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."

1879. H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidenced faith."

1880. W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ, the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the gospel."

1881. I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength."

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD AND CALLING THE ROLL.

The Particular Synod of Albany convened in Regular Session in the Reformed Church of Catskill, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 2d, 1882, at 2 o'clock P. M., and continued in session until 9:45 o'clock of May 3rd.

The Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the President, Rev. J. B. Drury.

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Solomon T Cole,	Isaac Fondey.
" A. G. Lansing.*	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. John N. Reiner,
" Henry De Vries,
" R, H. Barr.

From the Classis of Geneva.

Rev. Wm. H. Nasholds.	John Bainbridge,
	Garrett Van Fleet.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Alan D. Campbell,	W. L. King,*
" Cor's. P. Ditmars,	James Eltinge.*
" Geo. J. Van Neste, D. D.,*	
" B. Van Zandt, D. D.	

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. R. A. Pearse,* L. H. Van Dusen.
" T. W. Jones,
" R. M. Stanbrough.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D.,* W. H. Rainey,*
" J. B. Drury, D. D., L. A. Schermerhorn,
" J. S. N. Demarest,* G. E. Barringer.
" Wm. Veenschoten.

From the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. J. Paschal Strong, G. V. P. Lansing.
" E. G. Ackerman,
" Selah W. Strong,
" C. P. Evans.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. J. A. DeBaun, D. D., C. H. Witbeck,*
" E. C. Lawrence, Nicholas Vischer.
" W. E. Griffis.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. N. F. Nickerson, P. W. Zeh,
" E. N. Sebring, M. Gernsey.*
" R. Doig,
" A. F. Todd.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Jacob N. Voorhis, John L. Hutchings,
" Sanford H. Cobb, Uriah Van Etten,
" Cor. Van Santvoord, D. D. Teunis P. Osterhoudt.

ARTICLE II.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

After the opening, Synod spent an hour in devotional exercises.

*Excused on second day's session.

The first half-hour of the morning session of the second day, was spent in devotional exercises.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the afternoon of the second day's session.

The President, Rev. J. B. Drury, preached the Synodical sermon, on the evening of the first day's Session taking his text from Matt. 14 : 16, "Give ye them to eat."

By appointment of the last Synod, Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, preached a sermon on the evening of the second day's session upon "The evil, cause and cure of short pastorates" taking his text from Rom. 11 : 13, "I magnify mine office."

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Selah W. Strong, was elected President; Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, Adsessor, and Revs. Henry De Vries and R. A. Pearse, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

READING THE RULES OF ORDER AND THE VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

READING MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. J. A. De Baun,
" Geo. J. Van Neste,
" A. G. Lansing.
Elder Isaac Fondey,
" W. L. King.

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. J. B. Drury, Elder L. H. Van Dusen,
" J. Paschal Strong, " Teunis P. Osterhoudt.
" E. C. Lawrence.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. E. A. Collier, Elder W. H. Rainey,
" J. S. N. Demarest, " G. E. Barringer,
" E. N. Sebring.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. B. Van Zandt, Elder Uriah Van Etten,
" A. D. Campbell, " M. Gernsey.
" A. F. Todd.

On the Questorate.

Rev. R. Doig, Elder C. H. Witbeck,
" C. P. Evans, " L. A. Schermerhorn.
" J. N. Voorhis.

On Nominations and Religious Exercises.

Rev. T. W. Jones, Elder Jas. Eltinge,
" Jno. N. Reiner, Nicholas Vischer.
" R. H. Barr.

On Necrology.

Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Elder W. H. Rainey.
" A. D. Campbell.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

No delegate appeared from the other Particular Synods.

Representatives were appointed from this Synod to the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick as noted in the report of the Committee on Nominations.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, New York and New Brunswick, and also of the General Synod were received.

Resolved, That correspondents appointed by this Particular Synod to our sister Particular Synods be hereafter required, if at their own expense they do not visit the Synod to which they are accredited, to address such Synod officially by letter.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Questor presented his report with vouchers.
It was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Nominations and Religious Exercises reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations and Religious Exercises would present the following:

Sacramental Service.

To preside, read the Scriptures and form and make the opening prayer, the President of Synod; to present the bread, Rev. J. A. DeBaun; to present the wine, Rev. E. C. Lawrence; to address the communicants, Rev. J. Paschal Strong; to offer the concluding prayer, Rev. C. Van Santvoord; to pass the elements, Elders Nicholas Vischer, Tunis Osterhoudt, Isaac Fondey and L. Van Deusen.

Preacher.

To preach the special sermon at the next Particular Synod, Rev. W. E. Griffis, *Primarius*, and Rev. A. D. Campbell, *Secundus*. Subject: "*The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate.*"

Corresponding Delegates.

To the Particular Synod of New York, Rev. J. B. Thomson, *Primarius*, and Rev. J. B. Drury, *Secundus*; to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Rev. R. W. Brokaw, *Primarius*, and Rev. J. S. N Demarest, *Secundus;* to the Particular Synod of Chicago, Rev.

A. G. Lansing, *Primarius*, and Rev. Henry DeVries, *Secundus*.

Church Extension.

Classis of Albany, Rev. R. W. Clark.
" " Cayuga, Rev. Evert Van Slyke.
" " Geneva, Rev. Peter DeBruyn.
" " Greene, Rev. J. B. Thompson.
" " Montgomery, Rev. A. J. Hageman.
" " Rensselaer, Rev. E. A. Collier.
" " Saratoga, Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
" " Schenectady, Rev. J. A. DeBaun.
" " Shoharie, Rev. A. F. Todd.
" " Ulster, Rev. J. G. Van Slyke.
Chairman of Committee, Rev. J. A. DeBaun.

Church Visitation.

Classis of Albany, Rev. W. H. Skillman.
" " Cayuga, Rev. I. S. Hartley.
" " Geneva, Rev. H. P. McAdam.
" " Greene, Rev. G. J. Van Neste.
" " Montgomery, Rev. James Edmonson.
" " Rensselaer, Rev. Wm. Veenschoten.
" " Saratoga, Rev. S. W. Strong.
" " Schenectady, Rev. B. A. Bartholf.
" " Schoharie, Rev. E. N. Sebring.
" " Ulster, Rev. Sanford H. Cobb.
Chairman of Committee, Rev. S. H. Cobb.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS WALKER JONES, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report: that we have examined the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, New Brunswick and Chicago, and find nothing requiring the special attention of this Synod.

J. A. DEBAUN,
G. J. VAN NESTE,
A. G. LANSING,
ISAAC FONDEY,
W. L. KING.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report: that the books of Minutes of all the Classes were placed in the hands of your Committee, and have been examined by them, and found faithfully and properly kept.

In the Minutes of the Classis of Geneva is a record of an application by the church of Fair Haven to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Cayuga, and also a reference from the Committee on Overtures of said Classis of the whole matter to Particular Synod. The reference seems made under the impression that Particular Synod has power to grant the application.

It is plain from the wording of Art. 8, Sec. 2, of the Constitution that no such authority inheres in this Synod. As the papers in the case are regularly drawn and are of the nature of an Overture to this body, we present them to Synod with a recommendation that they be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial business.

Agreeably to the direction of General Synod, 1881, p. 729, we append a summary of the Classical records in regard to the answers to the second and third Constitutional Questions.

Albany, 17 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 9; no, 7; no answer,1.
Question 3: all yes.

Cayuga, 11 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 8; no, 2; no answer, 1.
Question 3: yes, 9; no, 1; no answer, 1.

Geneva, 17 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 5; no, 4; no answer, 6.
Question 3: yes, 8; no, 1; no answer, 6.

Greene, 7 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 6; no, 0; no answer, 1.
Question 3: yes, 4; no, 2; no answer, 1.

Montgomery, 23 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 8; no, 8; no answer, 9.
Question 3: yes, 12; no, 3; no answer, 10.

Rensselaer, 13 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 11; no, 2; no answer.
Question 3: yes, 12; no, 1.

Saratoga, 14 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 4; no, 6; no answer, 4.
Question 3: yes, 9; no, 2; no answer, 3.

Schenectady, 11 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 6; no, 3; no answer.
Question 3: yes, 11.

Schoharie, 14 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 10; no, answer, 4.
Question 3: yes, 10; no answer, 4.

Ulster, 15 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 11; no, 0; no answer, 4.
Question 3: yes, 7; no, 4; no answer, 4.

We find in the Minutes of the Classis of Ulster, p. 76, the delegates to General Synod, recorded as "appointed," constitutionally they were only "nominated," and the record should be in that form.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. DRURY,
J. P. STRONG,
E. C. LAWRENCE,
L. H. VAN DUSEN,
TEUNIS P. OSTERHOUDT.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report:

The following papers have been placed in our hands: 1st. A request of members of the Church of Fair Haven to the consistory of said Church; 2d. A petition of the same Church to the Classis of Geneva, asking permission and authority to change their Church relation; 3d. Report of Committee of the Classis of Geneva on overtures referring the petition of the church of Fair Haven to this Particlar Synod. The purpose of these several papers is to secure the transfer of the

church of Fair Haven from the Reformed to the Presbyterian denomination—from the Classis of Geneva to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

This church is located 31 miles north of Auburn, surrounded by Presbyterian churches; the nearest Reformed church is Cato 16 miles distant, while the nearest Presbyterian church is only 5 miles away. The church has been a beneficiary of the Board of Domestic Missions for a series of years and enjoyed a measure of prosperity until their church edifice was recently burned. They now find themselves so seriously embarrassed that they do not think themselves able either to maintain service or rebuild unless by the change of ecclesiastical connection, they can avail themselves of the sympathies of and reinforcements from the churches by whom they are immediately surrounded.

Your Committee see the desirableness of the change asked for under these circumstances, but this Particular Synod has no constitutional authority to dismiss a church to another denomination, we therefore suggest the following resolution:

Resolved: That we recommend to the Classis of Geneva that they appoint a Committee to visit the church and carefully inquire into all the facts covered by the papers that have been presented and act in accordance with their best judgment in the case.

B. VAN ZANDT,
A. D. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

The Committee on the Questorate reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the report of the Questor of the Particular Synod of Albany, together with the vouchers thereof and find the same correct. There are no Classes in arrears, and there is a balance in the hands of the Questor of $73.58. This is the best showing for many years and is especially noteworthy. The report is as follows:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY

In account with ISAAC FONDEY, Questor

1881	Dr.		
June 4,	"	To Cash paid J. Munsell, printing Reports	$63
1882			
April "	"	To Cash paid Rev. S. W. Strong, Stated Clerk for Salary	50
" "	"	To Cash paid Postage 79 cts., Stationery 70 cts., Express 30 cts., Classical blanks $1.04	2
" "	"	To Cash paid Postage for Questor,	
	"	To Balance in hands of Questor, carried to new account	78
			$189
1881	Cr.		
May 12,	"	By Cash received from John C. Schuyler, late Questor	$14 66
" 10,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Saratoga for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	14 00
" 18,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Geneva for Synodical dues to May 1, 1881	9 00
" 23,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Schenectady for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	14 00
" "	"	By Cash received from Classis of Greene for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	12 00
Sept. 20,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Albany for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	24 00
„ 24,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Montgomery for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	40 00
Oct. 4,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Schoharie for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	8 00
" 10,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Cayuga for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	9 00
" 12,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Geneva for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	9 00
Nov. 16,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Ulster for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	18 00
1882			
Mar. 17,	"	By Cash received from Classis of Rensselaer for Synodical dues to May 1, 1882	18 00
			$189 66

1882			
April 30,	Cr.	By balance Cash in hands of Questor.....	$73 58

All Synodical dues have been paid up *to* May 1st, 1882, and consequently there are *no* arrearages.

ISAAC FONDEY, *Questor.*
Albany, May 1st, 1882. No. 57 Colonie St., Albany.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. DOIG,
Chairman.

The Committee on Necrology appointed by the last Synod, made the following report which was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully report:

During the past year there have been two deaths in the Ministry of our Particular Synod.

The Rev. William N. Randles, Pastor of the First Church of Glenville, after a painful illness, entered into rest Nov. 20th, 1881. Mr. Randles was in the prime of manhood and the full tide of service, a busy, earnest, whole-souled and very successful pastor, and preacher of the blessed Gospel. He was reared and educated in the United Presbyterian Church, graduated at Union College, N. Y., and the Theological Seminary at Xenia, Ohio, and settled first in the United Presbyterian Church of West Charlton, N. Y., having been ordained by the Presbytery of Albany in 1864. In 1873 he was called to the neighboring First Reformed Church of Glenville, and already well known, and highly esteemed for his work's sake, immediately found a warm place in the hearts of his church and brethren by reason of his own warm-heartedness, and earnest devotion to the cause and kingdom of Christ. From the first he had a sincere love for our Reformed Church, and sympathy with her order and institutions, and no church was more thoroughly trained than his, in all our church interests and works. His simple-hearted love for the Master and for souls animated all his ministry and his intercourse with the brethren, and endeared him to us as a yoke-fellow of whose sympathy we were sure in all our efforts and respon-

sibilities. His early death is one of the inscrutable mysteries of the Divine Wisdom.

The Rev. Pierre Bernard Bähler, Emeritus Pastor of the church of Rochester, died January 24th, 1882. He was a native of Znolle, Netherlands. For a number of years he was connected with the work of the British Bible Society for Belgium and Germany. Afterwards he entered upon the active work of the ministry at Overijsel. The emigration of his sons to America drew him here also, and he was pastor of Holland Reformed Churches at Albany, Patterson and Rochester, successively.

Mr. Bähler called his own life a stormy one. His positive, fiery temperament debarred him to a great extent from general sympathies. But his natural gifts were of a high order, and cultivated by much thought and research. His information was large and varied, and he delighted in imparting it to his few chosen and trusted friends. Pre-eminently his interest centred in the person and work of Christ, whom he loved to preach, and with whom he humbly trusted himself when his pilgrimage ended.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DeBaun,

Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Report reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion have had before them the reports from all the Classes of this Synod.

The Classis of Albany reports some encouraging and many discouraging facts. Notwithstanding a small excess of members received over those that have died or been dismissed, the revision of the church roll of one of the large churches, causes a loss of 193 in the total number. The disproportion between infant and adult baptisms is regarded as indicating the prevalence of an awful crime, or a sinful neglect of parental covenant obligation. No especial awakenings are reported; while in some cases, both unfruitfulness

and an aggressive worldliness are deplored. Benevolent contributions were increased; those for Congregational purposes considerably diminished. In the Classes as a whole, the year is regarded as one of retrogression rather than of advance.

The Classis of Cayuga reports that the year has not been one of marked spiritual advance.

Owasco-Outlet speaks of many temporal mercies; notwithstanding considerable losses by removal.

Canastota, deplores the lack of special spiritual blessing, but rejoices in increased and hopeful attention to the promotion of Temperance.

Owasco, speaks of discouragements but also of eleven as received on confession, and a vigorous Sabbath School work.

Thousand Isles reports a year eventful both for joy and sorrow. Not the least element of the sorrow, was the death of Dr. Holland, whose helpful and generous sympathy are greatly missed.

West Leyden reports a few accessions, and that this church has decided to be self-sustaining.

Chittenango speaks joyfully of manifold growth in spiritual life and increased interest in the study of God's word.

Syracuse reports some additions and bright hopes for the future.

Utica's loss of their church building has had an injurious effect on church and Sabbath School attendance, and also upon the spiritual welfare of the church.

Naumburg reports marked increase of church attendance, and one family of eight as being received into membership. New Bremen is spoken of as a hard field with many discouragements.

The Classis of Geneva. There are ten vacancies and but seven pastoral settlements within the Classis. Under such circumstances a high degree of spiritual life and growth is scarcely to be looked for. There have been more received and fewer dismissed than last year, but through defective statistics, either this year or last, there has been an apparent loss of twenty.

Tyre reports a benevolent work exceeding that of any preceding year; but a sad lack of spiritual prosperity.

Rochester, Pultneyville, East Williamson, and Clymer, while reporting no very marked special out-pouring of the spirit of God, yet rejoice in manifestations of His gentle refreshing presence.

The Classis of Greene. First Athens reports activity in building and improving; the removal of debt and a sabbath school work exceeding the limits of present audience rooms; but with these hopeful features it also reports a lack of corresponding spiritual prosperity and a decrease in benevolent offerings.

Second Athens is spoken of discouragingly; public services having been maintained for only a small part of the year.

Catskill speaks of a large and interested Bible class; the removal of a large debt; and a generally increased interest on the part of God's people.

First Coxsackie has felt the disadvantages of being without a pastor, but is expecting to have their lack supplied.

Second Coxsackie speaks of a gradual increase in the spirit of benevolence, as the result of teaching the scripture requirement of regular systematic giving.

The financial condition of the church is good; and the enlisting of young men in church work, a pastor's class in Theology, and the especial attention given to the work of Temperance Reform, are spoken of as peculiarly hopeful indications

Kiskatom reports gratifying tokens of both material and spiritual progress. The payment of a small debt, improvements to the church property, increased attendance upon the Sabbath services, some conversions, the institution of a Ladies prayer meeting and also of a Ladies Missionary and Tract Society, and an increase of gifts for benevolent purposes, are referred to as gratifying facts and indications.

Leeds records the payment of debt, the more than doubling of benevolent contributions, and a growing spirituality. This Classis reports fifty-five less commu-

nicants this year than last; but the revision of church rolls accounts for fifty of that number. To the question "Why these sadly limited results?" the sins of Sabbath desecration, intemperance, lack of due religious instruction and government in the family and prevalent worldliness, are especialy noted, as, in part at least, giving answer to the inquiry.

The Classis of Montgomery reports more conversions and fewer deaths and dismissals than were reported last year. Unusually large amounts have been raised for the payment of debts, and for church buildings recently erected or soon to be erected. With these gratifying indications of material prosperity, it is at the same time sorrowfully acknowledged that the year has been one of spiritual seed-sowing rather than of harvesting.

The Classis of Rensselaer reports a year of exceptional material prosperity, but of little spiritual blessing at least as regards the ingathering of souls.

The Classis of Saratoga reports three of their fourteen churches as without pastors, three others as having stated supplies, and that four of these six are so feeble as to need the fostering care of Classis.

Buskirks speaks of general prosperity, and a marked increase in benevolent contributions.

Schaghticoke reports financial prosperity, but only inconsiderable spiritual growth and a marked decrease in benevolent contributions.

Saratoga has the same lament.

West Troy (*North*) reports the usual progress in all departments with increased spiritual interest. Improvements to church and chapel involved an expense of $9,000, all of which has been subscribed; but against this is to be set quite a decrease in benevolent contributions.

West Troy (*South*) reports large additions to its membership; faithful remembrance of the benevolent operations of the church, and, at the same time, a material decrease of its church debt.

Union Village rejoices over a special work of grace; as the result of which, thirty one have been added to the church. Special services were held in the early spring, under the direction of an Evangelist.

Cohoes speaks of the church work as well organized and as carried on with great earnestness. The large congregations on the Sabbath, the increasing Sabbath School, the increased number of accessions on confession, and the gain in benevolent contributions, all indicate progress.

The Classis of Schenectady reports that the revision of the church roll of the First Church Schenectady makes a serious falling off in the total number of communicants reported.

Second Schenectady records unusual financial prosperity and a deepening spiritual fervor. The report fitly says, that "a quiet addition of twenty-five by confession in a year, is evidence of the great grace of God our Saviour."

First Glenville reports their great affliction in the death of their former pastor.

Second Glenville speaks of the continuance and development of the work of grace reported a year ago; and with this, of the devising and carrying out of liberal things for the church and for Christ.

First Rotterdam reports some tokens of the Master's presence, but no special religious interest.

Second Rotterdam records quiet religious prosperity and a large increase in congregational contributions; but nothing given for benevolent purposes.

Helderberg speaks of spiritual coldness and a discouraging outlook, but an improvement in the matter of benevolence.

Niskayuna reports four accessions.

Lisha's Kill none.

Amity ordinary prosperity.

Princetown spiritual and financial prosperity. The Classis reports a loss of sixty-six in the total number of communicants.

The Classis of Schoharie, reports occasion for encourag-

ment and cheer and also for sorrow. The statistics as a whole afford ground for praise and thanksgiving.

The Church of Schoharie laments but few accessions and prevailing coldness and indifference.

Middleburgh reports marked temporal progress, but no corresponding spiritual growth.

Berne records no general awakening, but the reception of fourteen on confession; and others as awaiting the next communion.

Beaverdam rejoices in the accession of twenty-one and many of them heads of families and their children.

Lawyersville reports increased temporal prosperity and some measure of spiritual blessing.

Schoharie Mountain records a loss in membership, but is not without encouragment.

Central Bridge struggling against poverty and opposition, amid an indifferent community, suffers for the lack of a house of worship.

North Blenheim reports losses by removals and death which they severely feel.

Breakalbin speaks encouragingly of the spirit of the church notwithstanding financial losses.

Sharon notes little spiritual progress, but a development of the Christian graces of benevolence and activity.

Prattsville presents an admirable record both temporally and spiritually. The grace of giving on their part, was followed by the grace of quickening on God's part. Even while engaged in remodeling and beautifying their house of worship, their zeal for God's House was rewarded by the presence of His spirit, increasing their membership by the addition of thirty-three.

The Classis reports as compared with last year an *increase* of fifty-one in the number received on confession; of $254, in benevolent contributions, and of $1,042 in congregational contributions.

The Classis of Ulster reports a better degree of prosperity.

Blue Mountain Church has had an increase in the number of conversions.

Caatsban rejoices in the removal of debt, but laments prevailing spiritual coldness and barreness.

Kingston First records a year of even prosperity.

North Esopus has passed the ordeal of a change of pastors and rejoices in many encouraging features.

Plattekill speaks of moderate gains.

Roxbury reports an improved spiritual and temporal condition.

Saugerties notes a decidedly better spiritual tone than for some years.

Shokan speaks of the spirit's presence among the young.

Stewartville, has taken a step forward in benevolent work.

West Hurley while not without evidence that the seed is taking root, deplores " a lack of appreciation of the value and claims of the Gospel on the part of the membership ".

Woodstock speaks of outward prosperity and deepening spiritual interest.

Wiltwyck and Esopus report losses and gains and speak of encouragement as to the future.

A comparison of the statistical summary for the present year with that for 1881, exhibits these results. A gain of 164 families; a gain of 123 in the number received on confession; a loss of 340 in the total number of communicants: a loss of $2,890.66, in contributions for benevolent purposes; a gain of $15,005.56, in contributions for congregational purposes.

The Committee have endeavored to give a just, and as complete an account of the condition of our churches as has been practicable. If the Classical Committees would, in some instances greatly condense their reports, stating simply the *facts* which the Synod needs to know, the work of this Committee could be far more completely and satisfactorily performed than is now possible.

Comment upon the result of the examination of the various reports seems superfluous.

With generally increased financial prosperity and the removal of many heavy burdens, there has been, on the whole, no marked spiritual gain. The prevailing tone of nearly all the reports is one of sadness and lament in view of the absence of God's quickening awakening spirit. Another such year, added to like preceding years, emphasises most solemnly the imperativeness of the duties of self-examination, humiliation and prayer. The cause of this long continued desolateness is to be found within ourselves and within the church. It is not due to any waning of the power of the Holy Spirit, nor to any failure of the assured might of the "effectual fervent prayer of the righteous." God's answer to the cry of the church "Awake! awake! put on strength, O arm of the Lord—awake! as in the ancient days, in the generations of old"—is this—awake! awake put on thy strength, *O Zion*. Your Committee deem it sufficient to urge the prevailing low state of religion in our churches to the prayerful consideration of all our Classes, pastors and consistories. We also recommend that our General Synod be and hereby is requested, should the request commend itself to their judgment, to appoint one or more days for especial humiliation and prayer through our entire church. We notice the following ministerial changes:

In the *Classis of Albany*, Wesley R. Davis has been received from the Congregational Church and installed over the Second Church of Albany.

In the *Classis of Cayuga*, H. P. Blair has been dismissed to the Classis of Westchester. Rev. Jno. M. Reiner from the Free Evangelical Church of Germany, has signed the formula and arrangements have been made for his installation over the church of West Leyden.

In the *Classis of Geneva*, P. H. Bähler, of Rochester, died Jan. 23d, 1882. G. J. Renskers has been declared Emeritus. M. Van Doren was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, ordained, and installed

pastor of the church of Clymer. Matt. Kolyn has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick, ordained, and installed over the church of Marion. Ransford Wells has been dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth, and P. Furbeck to the Classis of Passaic. The relation between A. B. Veenhuisen and the church at East Williamson has been dissolved. J. L. Southard has been dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga. W. H. Nasholds has been dismissed as pastor of the church of Geneva and installed over that at Farmer Village.

In the *Classis of Greene*, the pastoral relation between Maurice Hansen and the First Church of Coxsackie has been dissolved by mutual consent.

In the *Classis of Montgomery*, Gilbert Lane has been dismissed to the the Classis of Raritan. R. M. Stanbrough has been installed pastor at Stone Arabia. James Edmonson from the Classis of Cayuga was installed pastor of the Mohawk church. P. A. Wessels of the Presbyterian Church is to be installed at Columbia. F. M. Kip, Jr., has been released from the pastorate of the Fultonville Church.

In the *Classis of Rensselaer*, H. R. Schermerhorn has been received from the Classis of Illinois. W. J. Leggett dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

In the *Classis of Saratoga*, James L. Southard has been received from the Classis of Cayuga and installed over the church of Buskirks.

In the *Classis of Schenectady*, Rev. Wm. N. Randles died Nov. 20, 1881. W. H. Phraner dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth.

In the *Classis of Schoharie*, N. F. Nickerson has been installed at Prattsville. W. C. Handy has been dismissed to the Classis of Bergen; and J. H. Kershow to the Classis of Michigan.

In the *Classis of Ulster*, B. C. Lippincott has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and installed at North Esopus. W. S. More has been de-

clared Emeritus. A. M. Arcularius has been dismissed from North Esopus and installed at Roxbury.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
J. S. N. DEMAREST,
E. N. SEBRING,
W. H. RAINEY,
J. BARRINGER.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Albany	Rufus W. Clark.	270	15	12	13	...	12	500*	10	4	.....	.....	1	478	$4,636.50	$6,082.17	Albany, N. Y.
Madison Avenue	W. R. Davis	150	3	7	....	...	3	326	2	1	.....	.....	1	435	2,101.95	7,541.66	Albany, N. Y.
Third Albany	James B. Campbell	132	23	6	6	....	2	228	22	6	.....	40	1	306	258.66	2,961.55	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	60	11	....	5	....	2	116	10	.. ..	.. ..	70	2	200	46.00	995.11	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany	Henry K. Boer	73	4	6	1	2	1	118	8	....	.....	92	1	120	219.24	1,005.02	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem	Wm. J. Skillman	140	....	..	1	...	5	219	2	....	.....	.....	4	330	.....	1,220.00	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse, S. C.	90	4	4	3	....	1	204	2	1	.....	50	1	100	179.50	1,125.00	Adam's Station, N. Y.
Second Berne	G. M D. Slocum	75	....	1	1	....	3	141	3	....	.. ..	.....	1	100	9.72	455.84	Knox, N. Y.
Knox	G. M. D. Slocum	38	..	....	2	....	1	54	1	....	.....	.....	2	90	24.34	399.20	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville	A. G. Lansing	60	....	2	2	....	1	122	....	....	.....	.....	2	203	5.04	567.75	New Salem, N. Y.
Coeymans	H. P. Craig	90	16	2	8	....	4	159	4	9	.....	125	1	125	196.47	1,640.21	Coeymans, N. Y.
Jerusalem	Edwin Vedder.	98	2	2	...	...	3	129	2	2	.....	.....	1	150	29.57	712.49	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem	A. G. Lansing	99	2	7	5	2	2	244	9	....	.....	... ..	1	156	48.06	1,769.99	New Salem, N. Y.
Onesquethaw	Edwin Vedder..	50	...	...	...	...	1	64	....	..	.....	.....	1	50	16.79	343.70	Jerusalem, N. Y.
Union	A. C. Millspaugh	50	1	1	2	..	....	49	....	....	.....	.....	1	60	12.52	625.00	Union Church, N. Y.
New Baltimore	J. L. Zabriskie	72	1	3	1		3	182	1	....	.....	.....	1	98	223.24	1,357.27	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo	S. T. Cole	55	....	..	1	....	5	92	1	1	....	....	2	110	28.50	483.53	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total	.....	1587	82	53	51	4	49	2947	77	24	.....	377	24	3111	$8,036.10	$29,285.49	

Other Ministers.— Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota	Supplied†	36	2	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	1	80	$9.94	$1,337.12	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero*	Supplied	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	90	..	..	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango	C. Otis Thatcher	68	9	1	2	..	1	117	3	4	..	..	1	115	374.87	1,539.00	Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumbug*	Peter Mölling	35	..	..	..	..	..	89	..	..	..	30	2	65	..	..	Naumburg, N. Y.
New Brrmen*	Peter Mölling	10	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	Naumburg, N. Y.
Owascoe	R. H. Barr	137	11	4	..	..	..	129	..	..	..	..	3	200	40.00	1,329.28	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet	Chas. Anderson	40	..	4	2	..	1	70	3	..	..	..	1	75	129.08	681.47	Auburn, N. Y.
Syracuse	Evert Van Slyke	169	5	2	3	..	1	278	6	..	..	180	1	180	717.14	8,053.11	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles	Henry DeVries	56	3	1	3	..	2	80	..	2	..	..	1	130	36.00	5,507.37	Alexandria, N. Y.
Christ Church, Utica	Isaac S. Hartley	140	..	3	1	..	3	214	3	..	..	..	1	140	596.21	2,599.64	Utica.
West Leyden	John M. Reiner	25	7	1	5	1	1	60	4	..	..	5	1	20	14.13	521.30	West Leyden, N. Y.
Total		786	37	16	16	1	9	1129	19	6	..	223	13	1095	$1,917.37	$21,568.29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. George Rockwell, Fulton, N. Y.; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan; Rev. J. Henry Enders; City Missionary, Albany, N. Y., 24 Jay St., Albany; Rev. Wm. A. Wurts, (S. C.), Canastota, N. Y. Supply of Wampsville Presbyterian Church.

† Rev. I. W. Whitfield. * Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Abbe Church	Vacant	57	....	1	4	....	1	115	10	....	90	.....	1	50	$52.22	$482.72	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Arcadia	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	East Newark, Wayne.
Buffalo*	Vacant	30	....	....	....	....	....	50	....	....	41	.....	....	54	.....	.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
Cato*	Vacant	65	....	....	....	....	....	66	....	....	....	.....	1	75	95.00	580.00	
Caroline	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Slaterville, Tomp. Co.
Clymer	M. Van Doren	86	10	5	1	....	1	187	4	....	38	.....	1	85	90.57	895.61	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	2	29	4	....	....	.....	....	14	11.00	44.00	Dunkirk "
East Williamson	Vacant	106	4	10	14	....	....	237	14	....	....	.....	....	100	91.70	600.70	Williamson, Wayne.
Fair Haven*	Vacant	62	3	1	....	....	....	89	....	....	....	.....	1	101	67.15	655.00	Fair Haven, Cayuga.
Farmer Village	Wm. H. Nasholds	110	....	....	2	....	5	188	....	....	35	.....	1	120	93.05	2,465.73	Farmer Vil., Sen. Co.
Geneva	Vacant	52	1	2	....	....	2	126	....	....	25	.....	1	37	76.29	1,020.41	Geneva, Ontario "
Lodi	H. P. McAdam	145	3	2	3	....	1	211	4	1	35	82	1	180	303.99	2,208.84	Lodi, Seneca "
Marion	Matt. Kolyn	125	9	16	2	....	6	265	27	....	50	.....	1	150	58.00	750.00	Marion, Wayne "
Mina	Vacant	12	....	....	....	....	....	16	1	....	....	.....	1	17	14.70	11.65	Mina, Chautauqua "
Pultneyville	P. G. M. Bähler	75	2	2	....	....	2	114	....	....	50	111	1	75	52.91	744.78	Pultneyville, Wayne.
Rochester	Peter DeBruyn	200	9	5	3	1	7	285	22	....	140	.....	1	220	310.60	2,604.22	Rochester, Monroe.
Tyre	J. H. Van Doren	42	1	2	3	....	....	54	1	....	....	.....	3	120	163.73	648.13	Malcom, Seneca Co.
Total		1167	39	45	32	1	27	2032	87	1	454	193	14	1398	$1,429.89	$13,056.79	

Other Ministers. — Rev. J. Whitbeck (S. C.), Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer Westfield, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

* Report of 1861.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens	Alan D. Campbell	85	3	1	2	....	3	189	5	2	57	.....	1	175	$215.00	$5,020.87	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	Vacant *a*	20	....	....	....	....	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Athens, N. Y.
Catskill	John B. Thompson	190	7	9	1	....	3	404	9	....	195	125	3	225	562.09	2 637.82	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie	Vacant	80	....	....	....	....	3	200	3	....	35	40	2	120	24.94	1,127.19	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie	Jno. H. Salisbury	136	2	4	2	....	1	*b*292	5	....	67	.....	1	200	512.65	2,303.41	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom	Geo. J. Van Neste	86	5	1	2	....	2	*b*204	3	4	64	.....	3	132	254.67	890.93	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds	C. P. Ditmars	62	2	....	4	....	4	99	4	2	61	48	1	70	104.04	1,355.80	Leeds, N. Y.
Total	...	659	19	15	11	....	17	1418	29	8	469	213	11	922	$1.673.39	$13,336.09	

Other Ministers.—Rev. M. Lusk, Coxsackie, N. Y.; Rev. B. Van Zandt, Stated Clerk, Catskill, N. Y.

a Report of last year. *b* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville	F. M. Kipp, Jr., S.S.	46	....	....	....	....	....	37	....	....	....	....	1	68	$31.19	$332.34	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie	Richard R. Williams	145	7	3	3	....	3	203	2	1	....	....	2	260	350.00	5,600.00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia	Peter A. Wessels, P.E.	104	....	....	....	....	....	93	....	....	....	....	1	60	....	325.00	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville	Vacant	48	....	....	....	....	2	34	....	....	....	....	1	18	5.00	....	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown	J. M. Compton, S.S.	29	....	....	2	....	1	51	....	....	....	....	1	47	99.69	403.08	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah	R. M. Stanbrough, S.S.	85	....	....	....	....	2	*145	1	....	....	....	1	82	....	222.33	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	70	2	....	1	....	4	123	....	2	....	....	1	150	102.00	1,500.00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda	Thos Walker Jones	215	26	3	2	....	5	440	13	10	....	....	1	275	584.26	2,575.62	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain	Denis Wortman, D.D.	155	16	4	6	....	2	197	1	9	50	....	1	178	575.00	4,450.00	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fultonville	†Francis M. Kip, Jr.	100	6	2	1	....	5	145	1	3	35	....	1	108	237.33	1,433.05	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen	R. L. Schoonmaker	75	....	....	....	....	1	95	1	....	....	....	2	200	33.00	519.43	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hageman, S.C.	75	1	1	....	....	2	106	5	1	50	40	2	160	249.90	782.73	Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.
Henderson	Daniel Lord, M.D.	25	1	1	....	....	....	28	....	....	....	....	1	25	75.00	50 00	Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer	Ralph W. Brokaw	‡125	4	3	....	....	6	169	12	2	65	150	1	150	214.46	1,969.79	Herkimer, N. Y.
Indian Castle	Vacant	13	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Manheim	John Minor, S.S.	40	2	....	2	....	....	65	2	....	....	....	1	40	14.75	400.00	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown	J. M. Compton, S.S.	62	....	....	....	....	1	72	....	....	....	....	....	....	14.82	386.00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk	James Edmonson	70	5	2	....	....	....	87	2	3	....	....	1	90	20.00	3,410.00	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson	J. R. Kyle	108	8	7	7	....	1	192	1	1	....	25	1	136	139.55	5,166.84	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St Johnsville	Albert D. Minor.	118	2	2	3	....	3	153	5	....	....	50	2	150	100.67	9,80[illegible].34	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Spraker's Basin	J. M. Compton, S.S.	41	....	....	....	....	1	38	....	....	....	....	1	36	9.45	185.00	Spraker's Basin, N. Y.
Stone Arabia	Rufus M. Stanbrough.	49	2	....	4	....	2	73	3	....	....	....	....	....	10.00	1,944.15	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Total	.....	1798	82	28	31	....	44	2558	49	32	200	265	23	2233	$2,866.07	$41,458.70	

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blooming Grove	Wm. H. Van Doren	70	6	3	3	1	1	80	5	6	115	.....	1	75	$17.84	$1,741.95	Defreestville, Rens. Co.
Castleton	Geo. A. Mills	100	2	4	.....	...	3	174	12	...	.....	.....	1	80	178.93	1,344.21	Castleton, Rens. Co.
Chatham	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.	112	1	3	4	..	2	161	1	.....	.....	.....	1	230	379.00	1,600.00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent	John B. Drury	75	1	4	...	...	5	119	4	....	35	40	1	105	195.00	3,800.00	Ghent, Col. Co., N. Y.
Second Ghent	Isaac S. Schenck	83	....	2	4	...	2	132	6	....	.....	.....	1	80	36.31	1,968.00	Stockport, Col. Co.
Greenbush	John Steele	120	1	2	10	....	3	281	2	....	100	30	1	125	245.05	2,548.05	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	175	3	4	1	...	10	303	1	2	125	85	2	188	1,663.81	2,651.28	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau	J. S. N. Demarest, S.C.	146	4	1	10	....	7	300	6	2	40	.....	1	90	298.76	2,322.35	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.	30	2	1	...	..	1	36	...	....	...	.....	1	31	39.13	312.96	New Concord, Col. Co.
Schodack	Wm. Veenschoten	80		....	4	....	....	117	1	....	165	40	3	100	142.22	803.40	Multzeskill, Rens. Co.
Schodack Landing	Wm. J. Leggett	75	3	....	7	1	3	165	3	2	115	60	1	123	171.17	1,336.34	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius	*70	1	1	3	...	4	78	3	....	39	.....	1	90	268.08	615.95	Stuyvesant, N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls	H. R. Schermerhorn	†60	1	1	....	..	..	105	....	....	.....	.....	1	55	8.94	793.48	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.
Total		1196	25	26	46	2	41	2051	34	13	734	255	16	1372	$3,644.24	$21,837.97	

Other Ministers.— Rev. W. C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota, *practicing law;* Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired.*

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
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Boght	Geo. I. Taylor	30	2	....	....	....	....	43	..	..	18	....	1	53	$26 50	$600.00	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Buskirks	James L. Southard	41	2	6	....	....	2	67	....	2	5	....	1	81	51.75	666.25	Buskirks, Wash. Co.
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong	220	11	6	5	....	6	390	21	4	25	1	1	391	354.05	3,704.85	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Easton	Vacant†	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Easton, Wash. Co.
Fort Miller	D. K. Van Doren, S.S.	35	1	4	1	....	7	67	11	2	....	....	1	60	94.66	286.32	Fort Miller, Wash. Co.
Gansevoort	A. G. Cochran, S.S.	....	....	....	....	....	....	†19	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland	Vacant	60	2	1	....	....	....	87	....	1	....	....	1	75	....	800.00	Northumberland, N. Y
Rensselaer	George I. Taylor	13	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	2	....	1	35	....	160.00	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Saratoga	D. K. Van Doren	62	....	5	1	....	3	155	....	....	20	....	1	125	80.05	1,251.47	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke	Edward G. Ackerman	44	....	2	....	....	....	69	3	1	36	....	2	92	14.50	918.00	Reynolds, Rens. Co.
Union Village	Vacant	60	31	14	6	....	....	144	2	21	166	125	1	125	36.41	1,219.81	Greenwich, Wash. Co.
West Troy	Jno. G. Lansing	167	3	3	1	....	1	256	4	1	....	....	1	310	384.14	3,325.70	West Troy, Albany Co.
West Troy (South)	Selah W. Strong, S.C.	150	17	12	....	....	3	244	15	5	129	219	1	280	828.73	2,905.93	West Troy, Albany Co.
Wynantskill	C. P. Evans, S.S.	82	....	....	....	....	1	99	....	....	99	....	1	50	50.00	1,200.00	Wynantskill, Rens. Co.
Total		994	69	53	14		23	1647	56	37	500	345	13	1677	$1,850.79	$13,938.33	

Other Ministers—Rev. O. H. Gregory, D.D., West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, D.D., Hillsdale, Mich.

†Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Schenectady...	William E. Griffis ...	250	5	3	4	...	10	*337	1	1	.....	200	3	650	$661.67	$6,643.91	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady.	Peter E. Kipp	115	25	10	3	....	2	186	2	12	.....	.....	1	234	107.50	4,467.47	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville ...	William J. Hill†	155	3	....	...	....	5	277	4	1	.....	160	2	250	408.00	1,294.35	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville ...	Herman Vanderwart .	85	10	..	1	....	1	168	3	1	55	.....	2	150	50.00	2,654.00	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam...	John C. Lowe	130	4	2	4	.	4	121	6	1	50	.....	2	130	111.85	700.00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam..	Ira Van Allen	50	4	2	2	....	4	70	5	...	55	.....	1	75	.....	1,371.50	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg.....	Samuel L. Gamble....	245	2	2	4	...	3	512	5	....	.....	.....	3	365	242.59	1,275.00	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna.	John A. DeBaun, S.C..	100	2	2	1	....	4	204	....	..	100	100	3	200	272.00	1,050.00	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill.....	John A. DeBaun.	85	....	....	2	....	4	168	....	....	50	100	2	160	140.00	910.75	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Amity.....	Benjamin A. Bartholf.	84	4	1	5	...	2	132	1	2	.....	70	1	150	100.00	1,000.00	Visschers' Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown...	J. Kelley Rhinehart .	90	4	1	3	...	3	273	9	....	50	75	1	140	133.60	1,106.50	Gifford, N. Y.
Total.	....	1389	63	23	29		42	2448	36	18	360	705	21	2504	$2,227.21	$22,473 48	

Other Ministers.—E. C. Lawrence, Schenectady, N. Y.; Wm. W. Letson, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; William P. Phraner, Jamaica, N. Y.; A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y. † Pastor elect. * Revised list.

Candidate:—Lauren Vanderveer, Schenectady, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Schoharie	Augustus F. Todd	70	2	....	3	....	4	114	1	....	.. ...	25	1	75	$103.38	$1,338.99	Schoharie, N. Y.
Middleburgh	Elbert N. Sebring	90	..	1	...	...	1	115	1	....	.. ...	20	1	100	58.25	1,063.39	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Gallupville	Vacant	45	...	....	...	...	1	95	...	...	15	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Gallupville, N. Y.
Berne	Robt. Doig, S.C.	*64	14	..	1	..	7	*134	5	8	29	20	1	60	190.17	1,000.00	Berne, N. Y.
Beaverdam	Robt. Doig.	60	21	3	1	....	1	116	....	14	25	30	1	100	25.00	450.00	Beaverdam, N. Y.
Lawyerville	William P. Davis	70	4	....	..	...	2	71	...	..	.....	14	1	40	161.00	1,000.00	Lawyerville, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain	William D. Buckelew	50	....	....	2	...	1	89	1	..	.....	20	1	80	27.88	500.00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
North Blenheim	Edward Miller	35	...	....	1	....	1	40	...	....	.....	15	1	40	6.25	180.00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Breakabin	Edward Miller	30	....	....	....	....	....	53	26	....	.....	20	1	65	10.50	215.00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Sharon	† Andrew Parsons	47	....	...	1	..	...	124	....	...	.....	.....	1	140	60.00	2,500.00	Sharon Centre, N. Y.
Gilboa	Vacant	70	6	...	4	....	4	98	....	....	.....	.....	1	140	.....	.....	Gilboa, N. Y.
Central Bridge	William D. Buckelew	20	...	...	...	....	2	12	...	....	.....	.....	1	40	4.00	70.00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Prattsville	Norman F. Nickerson	65	26	7	...	...	2	101	1	19	19	70	1	70	42.00	2,469.60	Prattsville, N. Y.
Moresville	Vacant	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grand Gorge, N. Y.
Total	....	716	73	11	13	....	26	1162	35	41	88	234	12	950	$688.43	$10,786.98	

Other Ministers—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Lawyerville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. T. L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. W. H. Carr, Albany, N. Y.

† Pastor elect. * Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blue Mountain	Geo. W. Lallaw	125	8	2	....	1	3	251	15	3	229	40	2	150	$93.18	$922.82	Saugerties, N. Y.
Catsbaan	Stephen Searle	82	1	....	1	....	5	168	5	1	117	.....	1	.....	560.41	1,312.75	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus	Vacant	95	2	....	....	....	2	90	....	2	.....	.....	1	50	23.00	1,017.50	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush*	A. A. Zabriskie (a)	130	....	....	....	....	....	275	....	....	420	.....	3	250	140.25	1,323 75	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston	J. G. Van Slyke	215	13	11	10	....	12	463	8	4	.....	.....	....	351	928.69	3,778.00	Kingston, N. Y.
North Esopus	B. C. Lippencott	90	2	10	3	....	5	159	7	1	.....	60	1	186	77.62	1,230.00	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill	Wm. G. E. See	140	6	6	2	....	4	250	8	1	.....	..	3	160	64.65	1,100.36	Glasco, N. Y.
Roxbury	A. M. Arcularius	73	1	1	2	....	3	100	....	....	116	.....	1	80	13.04	874.67	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties	Sanford H. Cobb	195	6	2	2	....	4	291	12	3	178	125	1	175	936.69	3,032.90	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken	A. J. Beekman	45	....	....	1	....	..	71	1	....	.....	.....	1	54	42.20	330.00	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan	A. J. Beekman	67	11	1	2	....	4	130	5	8	.....	.....	1	60	2 .50	569.68	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville	Bergen B. Staats	20	....	..	1	....	....	41	7	..	25*	.....	2	70	1.50	148.00	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley	Bergen B. Staats	51	3	2	5	....	2	119	5	1	103*	50	1	75	28.83	600.07	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock	Frank A. Force	63	5	1	4	.	1	121	4	....	85	.... ..	2	180	23.50	662.77	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck	Wm. A. Shaw, S.S.	46	5	4	..	....	2	83	1	....	27	.....	1	175	100.00	602.48	Kingston, N. Y.
Total	.....	1467	63	40	33	1	47	2611	78	24	1300	275	21	2016*	$3,063.06	$17,505.75	

Other Ministers.— Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. A. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhies, S C., Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. B. C. Miller, Rev. N. F. Chapman, Smith's Landing, Greene Co., N. Y.; Rev. W. S. More, Emeritus, Etna, Bergen Co., N. Y.

(a) Pastor elect. * Last year's report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Classes.	Census.			Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Albany	17	19	1587	82	53	51	4	49	2947	77	24	.....	377	24	3111	$8,036.10	$29,285.49	Rev. J. L. Pearse.
Cayuga	11	13	786	37	16	16	1	9	1129	19	6	.....	223	13	1095	1,917.37	21,568.29	Rev. W. A. Wurts.
Geneva	17	11	1167	39	45	32	1	27	2032	87	1	193	454	14	1398	1,429.89	13,056 79	Rev. Jno. Whitbeck.
Greene	7	7	659	19	15	11	..	17	1418	29	8	469	213	11	922	1,673.39	13,336.02	Rev. B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery	23	17	1798	82	28	31	...	44	2558	49	32	200	265	23	2233	2,866.07	41,458.70	Rev. A. J. Hegeman.
Rensselaer	13	14	1196	25	26	46	2	41	2051	34	13	734	257	16	1372	3,644.24	21,837.97	Rev. J. S. N. Demarest.
Saratoga	14	15	994	69	53	14	....	23	1647	56	37	500	345	13	1677	1,859.79	13,938.33	Rev. Selah W. Strong.
Schenectady	11	14	1389	63	23	29	..	42	2448	36	18	360	705	21	2504	2,227.21	22,473.48	Rev. Jno. A. De Baun.
Schoharie	14	12	716	73	11	13	....	26	1162	35	41	88	234	12	950	688.43	10,786.98	Rev. Robert Doig.
Ulster	15	22	1467	63	40	33	1	47	2611	78	24	1300	275	21	2016	3,063.06	17,505.75	Rev. J. N. Voorhis.
Total	142	144	11759	552	310	276	9	315	20003	500	204	3844	3346	168	17278	$27,396.55	$205,247.80	

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH VISITATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Church Visitation reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Church Visitation, to the Particular Synod of Albany.

Your Committee would respectfully report: At the fall meeting of the Classes, the subject of Church Visitation was brought up for consideration by the re-elective members of the committee; some of the Classes made arrangments for Classical visitations during the year, others did not. The Classis of Albany reports: "a conference was held in connection with the regular fall meeting of Classis, in which there were discussions on religious, practical and missionary subjects. This conference was well attended, the awakening and stimulus received therefrom, were deemed to be of no little value. A two day's session and conference have been arranged for the next fall meeting."

Cayuga has done nothing as a Classis, but the Chairman of the Classical Committee on vacant Churches, has visited each vacant church the past year.

Geneva did only a partial work of visitation, where it was performed the result was satisfactory.

In Greene, four of the seven churches were visited, the results were pleasant, but not marked.

Montgomery made arrangements at the last meeting to visit the vacant churches, however, nothing of importance has been done.

In Rensselaer nothing has been done.

The Classis of Saratoga, at the fall meeting arranged a scheme of Classical visitation for the churches, but the plan was imperfectly carried out, the results were proportionate.

From Schenectady no report has been received.

Schoharie left the matter with individual pastors to arrange for visitations, but nothing was done.

The Classis of Ulster has done nothing.

From the foregoing review we may see that the work of Classical visitation has not been so thorough or satisfactory as the preceding year.

Some Classes made no arrangements for the work, some partially carried out the plans proposed, in but few cases were they fully tested. In cases where the work has been faithfully performed, the results have been pleasant and profitable; in all cases they have probably been proportionate to the efforts put forth. The failure has been, not in the scheme, but in the imperfect execution of it.

Respectfully submitted,
H. P. McAdam,
Chairman.

These Committees were continued, as by the report of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Rufus W. Clark,	Rev. Jas A. H. Cornell,
J. Lansing Pearse,	Henry K. Boer,
William J. Skillman,	J. F. Neef.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Samuel Rankin,	Henry Proseus,

Asa Bailey,
Henry Onderdonk,
John V. D. H. Bradt,
William H. Derouville.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley,
E. Van Slyke,
C. Otis Thatcher,

Ministers.

Rev. P. Mölling,
R. H. Barr,
John N. Reiner.

Elders.

S. Robertson,
J. Marcellus,
E. S. Brayton,

Elders.

C. Cook,
S. Bonta,
P. Williamson.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.

Rev. Jno. B. Thompson, D.D.,
Alan D. Campbell,
Jno. H. Salisbury,

Ministers.

Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste,
B. Van Zandt,
C. P. Ditmars.

Elders.

Thomas Bell,
Peter Day,
Frederick Sax,

Elders.

Jacob Dedrick,
Wm. H. Van Orden,
Wm. Terry.

Classis of Geneva.

Ministers.

Rev. J. H. Van Doren,
H. P. McAdam,
Matt. Kolyn,

Ministers.

Rev. P. De Bruyn,
J. H. Van Doren,
M. Van Doren.

Elders.

J. W. Rapelyea,
D. V. L. Minor,
J. Van Der Boegh,

Elders.

J. Van Doren,
J. P. Morehouse,
L. Verburgh.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.

Rev. T. W. Jones,

Ministers.

Rev. John Minor,

F. M. Kip, Jr.,
Denis Wortman, D.D.
A. J. Hageman,

R. R. Williams,
Daniel Lord, M.D.,
J. R. Kyle.

Elders.

Jacob Hees,
P. W. Putman,
Andrew Dunn,
Chas. Barse,

Elders.

James Van Horn,
Wm. Luttou,
R. Dievendorf,
L. L. Dean.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.

Rev. Elbert Nevins,
W. H. Van Doren,
Geo. A. Mills,

Ministers.

Rev. Thos S. Brown,
J. B. Drury,
Isaac S. Schenck.

Elders.

J. L. Ham,
G. Van Denburgh,
Horton Harder,

Elders.

W. C. Bailly,
Samuel Adams,
Geo. Isbister.

Classis of Saratoga

Ministers

Rev. James L. Southard,
Dav. K. Van Doren,
Geo. I. Taylor,

Ministers.

Rev. J. Paschal Strong,
O. H. Gregory,
C. P. Evans.

Elders.

Daniel Hilt,
P. C. Ford,
J. L. Vandenbergh,

Elders.

Hiram Cramer,
J. H. Thompson,
Matt. Vanderberg.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.

Rev. Peter E. Kipp,
Wm. H. Phraner,
J. Kelley Rhinehart,

Ministers.

Rev. Ira Van Allen,
D. B. Hall,
J. H. Vanderwart.

Elders.

J. F. Clute,
J. J. Marlette,
W. H. Furbeck,

Elders.

Aaron Putnam,
F. C. Wormer,
J. Staats Lansing.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. W. D. Buckelew,	Rev. A. F. Todd,
Edward Miller,	John S. Lott,
Wm. P. Davis,	E. N. Sebring.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Hon. P. S. Danforth,	Theodore Owen,
Teunis Swart,	Leander Empie,
James Waterbury,	F. Enderlin.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. William A. Shaw,	Rev. Sandford H. Cobb,
Andw. M. Arcularius,	Cor. Van Santvoord,
Jacob N. Voorhis,	Wm. G. E. See.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Henry H. Van Gaasbeck,	Uriah Van Etten,
Otis P. More,	Jacob Snyder,
Henry E. Legg,	Cor. H. Van Gaasbeck.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to print 425 copies of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Committee on Necrology be a permanent Committee.

The Particular Synod would respectfully memorialize General Synod as follows:

Whereas, the use of the word "hell" in the Apostles' Creed is objectionable to many as conveying a false impression, and

Whereas, General Synod in June, 1881, appointed a committee to decide what verbal alterations are necessary to make the Creed in the Catechism, the Compendium and the Liturgy, verbally identical and historically accurate. Therefore:

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully memorialize General Synod to examine into the propriety of substituting in the expression "he descended into hell," the word Hades, or that at least the alternative use of that word be permitted.

The Particular Synod would respectfully memorialize General Synod as follows:

WHEREAS, the church has constitutionally adopted a Revised Liturgy, and authorized that the sections adopted be printed in connection with our standards (vide Min. of Synod, vol. 13, pp. 501, 696, and vol. 14, p.), and

WHEREAS, it has never so been printed, therefore:

Resolved, That General Synod be requested to inquire into the expediency of having it so printed, and bound up with some, or all of our Hymn books.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and hereby are tendered to the pastor, consistory and families, of the Reformed Church of Catskill, for their very kind and generous hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to Rev. J. B. Drury, D. D., for the sermon replete with truth and suggestive helpfulness, which as retiring President he delivered at the opening of the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, for his able and instructive sermon, and that he be requested to have the same published in the Christian Intelligencer.

ARTICLE XIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called.

The session was closed with singing the long meter doxology and pronouncing the benediction by the President.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church of Schoharie, on the first Tuesday of May, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

SELAH W. STRONG, *President.*
SANFORD H. COBB, *Adsessor.*

R. A. PEARSE, HENRY DEVRIES. } *Clerks.*

Copy from original minutes.

SELAH W. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

Selah W. Strong
S. C.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1862–1882.

1862. Rev. E. Vedder, Catskill.
1863. J. Minor, 2d Schenectady.
1864. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. J. A. Lansing, D.D., Fonda.
1866. Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston.
1867. John L. McNair, 2d Albany.
1868. Philip Peltz, D.D., Saugerties.
1869. B. Van Zandt, D.D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. John A. De Baun, West Troy (North).
1871. S. J. Rogers, Kinderhook.
1872. R. W. Clark, D.D., Canajoharie.
1873. J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., Cohoes.
1874. Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
1875. Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. John B. Thompson, D.D., W. Troy (South).
1877. Alex. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village.
1878. J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. Edw. A. Collier, Chatham Village.
1880. Geo. J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. John B. Drury, Saugerties.
1882. Selah W. Strong, Catskill.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."
1872. E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the church."
1873. John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."
1874. T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."
1875. J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."
1876. J. A. DeBaun, "The expectations of the church of God."
1877. Chas. N. Waldron, "Systematic Beneficence.

1878.	C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."
1879.	H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidenced faith."
1880.	W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ, the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the gospel."
1881.	I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength.
1882.	Sandford H. Cobb, "The evil, cause and cure, of short pastorates."

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD AND CALLING THE ROLL.

The Particular Synod of Albany convened in Regular Session in the Reformed Church of Schoharie, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1883, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and continued in session until 10 o'clock P. M., of Wednesday, May 2d.

The Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the President.

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. E. Vedder.	
" H. K. Boer,	
" A. C. Millspaugh,	
" Jas. B. Campbell,	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Evert VanSlyke,	J. Marsellus.
" I. S. Hartley, D. D.	

From the Classis of Geneva.

Rev. Wm. H. Nasholds,	J. W. Rapelyea.
" D. J. DeBey.	

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Benj. Van Zandt, D. D.
" Geo. J. Van Neste,

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Peter A. Wessels,	Benj. Zoller,
" F. M. Kip, Jr.,	J. H. Faulkner,*
" Francis V. VanVranken,	Adam Smith.
" Jas. Edmonson.	

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Wm. Veenschoten,	Fred H. Snyder,
" T. S. Brown,	A. H. Parks,
	Wm. C. Bailey, M. D.*

From the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. B. F. Mills,*	G. D. Stewart,
" J. L. Southard,	John F. Shafer,
" S. W. Strong,	G. Van Vechten,
" J. G. Smart,	Sam'l Sheldon.*

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. J. C. Lowe,	W. T. L. Sanders,
" S. L. Gamble,*	Oliver Putman,
" W. E. Griffis.	

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Augustus F. Todd,	Jno. Kniskern,
" Edward Miller,	Tunis Swart,
" Andrew Parsons,	H. R. Brown,
" Wm. D. Buckelew,	M. Geurnsey.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D.D.,	J. L. Hutchings,
" C. VanSantvoord, D.D.,	Aaron Risley,
" B. C. Lippincott,	Christopher Snyder.

* Excused.

ARTICLE II.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

After the opening, Synod spent an hour in devotional service, during which the President preached the Synodical sermon, taking his text from Cant. 8, 6, 7: "Set me as a seal, * * * for love is strong as death," &c.

The first half hour of the morning session of the second day, was spent in devotional exercises.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the afternoon of the second day's session.

By appointment of the last Synod Rev. W. E. Griffis preached a sermon upon "The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate" taking his text from 1 Tim., 4: 15, 16, "Meditate upon these things give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all," etc., etc.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Evert Van Slyke, was elected President; Rev. Augustus F. Todd, Adsessor, John F. Shafer and J. Marsellus, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

READING THE RULES OF ORDER AND THE VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

READING MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. J. G. Smart,
" W. H. Nasholds,
" F. M. Kip, Jr.,

Elder H. R. Brown,
" Christopher Snyde

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. W. Veenschoten,
" Jas. Edmondson,
" Geo. J. Van Neste.

Elder Samuel Sheldon,
" John Kniskern.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke,
" S. L. Gamble,
" W. D. Buckelew.

Elder W. T. L. Sanders,
" Fred. H. Snyder.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. B. C. Lippincott,
" B. Van Zandt,
" J. C. Lowe.

Elder Benj. Zoller,
" J. W. Rapelyea.

On the Questorate.

Rev. F. V. Van Vranken,
" Andrew Parsons.
" A. F. Todd.

Elder J. L. Hutchings,
" Oliver Putman,

On Nominations and Religious Exercises.

Rev. W. E. Griffis,
" C. Van Santvoord.
" J. L. Southard,

Elder Sam'l Sheldon,
" G. Van Vechten.

On Necrology.

Rev. C. Van Santvoord,
" A. D. Campbell.

Elder W. H. Rainey.

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. J. G. Smart,

Elder G. D. Stewart.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

No delegate appeared from the other Particular Synods.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Chicago, New York and New Brunswick, and also of the General Synod were received.

Rev. J. S. Harkey of the Lutheran church of Middleburgh, being present, was invited to sit with the Synod.

The pastors of the Evangelical churches of Schoharie were invited to sit with the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Questor presented his report with vouchers.

It was referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

A communication was received from J. Howard Reed to the effect that through the kind efforts of Mr. Maurice E. Viele the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., had granted the favor of reduced rates for clergymen upon return. It was referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. C. Van Santvoord, B. C. Lippincott, Elder Christopher Snyder.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Nominations and Religious Exercises reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations and Devotional Exercises beg leave to offer the following report of nominations and arrangements. May 2nd, 1883.

Lord's Supper,

3 P. M. this afternoon.

To preside, read the form and make the opening prayer, the President, Rev. Evert Van Slyke; to present the bread, Rev. F. M. Kip Jr.; to present the wine, Rev. W. D. Buckelew; to address the communicants, Rev. J. G. Smart; to pass the bread, Elders, W. T. L. Sanders and Cristopher Snyder; to pass the wine, Elders H. R. Brown and G. Van Vechten; to offer the concluding prayer, Rev. Isaac Hartley.

Devotional Exercises,

7:30 P. M. this evening.

To offer prayer, Rev. T. S. Brown; to read the Scriptures, Rev. J. G. Van Slyke; to lead the prayer-meeting on Thurday morning (provisionally), Rev. James Edmondson.

Preacher.

To preach the special sermon before the next session of Particular Synod, 1884, *Primarius*, Rev. Alan D. Campbell; *Secundus*, Rev. Wm. Veenschoten.

Subject, The Revised Version of the New Testament.

Your Committee, while desirous of magnifying their office and of fully discharging their duties, beg leave to be excused from making nominations for "Corresponding Delegates to Particular Synods," for "Church Visitation," and for "Church Extension," unless the Reverend Synod specially order them to do so, as the evidence goes to show that these Committees are sinecures, and the chief result of their appointment is merely to fill a page of the printed Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLIOT GRIFFIS,

Chairman.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to report:

The books of Minutes of all the Classes, were placed in our hands except that of the Classis of Rensselaer, and have been examined by them and found faithfully kept.

1. In the Minutes of the Classis of Geneva, on page 527, Resolution 2, we read of an action taken by Classis authorizing a committee to examine and ordain a student of theology to become a missionary within the bounds of Classis. Although the committee did not perform the duty to which they were appointed, still we would remind the Classis of Geneva of the fact that the Constitution does not provide for a committtee of Classis to examine and ordain candidates for the ministry, but that this is the duty of the whole Classis.

The following is the summary of the Classical records, in regard to the answer to the second and third Constitutional Questions:

Albany, 17 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 8; no, 6; no answer, 3.
Question 3: yes, 14; no, 0; no answer, 8.

Cayuga, 11 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 5; no, 4; no answer, 2.
Question 3: yes, 9; no, 0; no answer, 2.

Geneva, 17 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 6; no, 8; no answer, 8.
Question 3: yes, 9; no, 0; no answer, 8.

Greene, 7 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 5; no, 1; no answer, 1.
Question 3: yes, 4; no, 2; no answer, 1.

Montgomery, 23 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 8; no, 9; no answer, 6.
Question 3: yes, 17; no, 0; no answer, 6.

Rensselaer Minutes not received.

Saratoga, 14 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 2; no, 8; no answer, 4.
Question 3: yes, 10; no, 1; no answer, 4.

Schenectady, 11 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 6; no, 4; no answer, 1.
Question 3: yes, 10; no, 0; no answer, 1.

Schoharie, 14 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 11; no, 3; no answer, 0.
Question 3: yes, 14; no, 0; no answer, 0.

Ulster, 15 *Churches.*

Question 2: yes, 7; no, 1; no answer, 7.
Question 3: yes, 7; no, 2; no answer, 6.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. VEENSCHOTEN,
JAMES EDMONSON,
GEO. J. VAN NESTE,
JOHN J. KNISKERN,
SAMUEL SHELDON.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report, that they have examined the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Chicago, New Brunswick and New York, and would call the attention of Synod to the following action of the General Synod.

1st. In the matter of the memorials from the Classis of Greene and the Particular Synod of Albany, on page 112:

Resolved, That an asterisk be appended to the word "Hell," wherever it occurs in the Apostles' Creed in our standards, with a note saying, "Insstead of the word 'Hell' may be used the word 'Hades'"

In the Minutes of the Particular Synods they id nothing demanding the attention of this Synod.

JOHN G. SMART,
Chairman.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business eported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Busiess would respectfully report that nothing has been resented for their consideration.

B. C. LIPPINCOTT,
Chairman.

The Committee on the Questorate reported. Their eport was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The report of the Questor of Synod, Isaac Fondey, as been examined, with proper vouchers, and your ommittee find the same correct. There are ten lasses in bounds of this Synod, and all classical dues ave been promptly paid. It is gratifying to mention he fact, that the financial condition of this Synod is mproving, and that a balance remains in the hands of uestor of $89.96.

The report of the Questor is as follows:

ARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY

In account with ISAAC FONDEY, Questor.

1882	Dr.		
ay 27,	"	To Cash on account to J. Munsell's Sons' printing Minutes,..... ...	$75 45
1883.			
pril 4,	"	To Cash Rev. S. W. Strong, Salary as Stated Clerk,.....	50 00
"	"	To Cash S. W. Strong, Classical Blanks..	2 00
"	"	To Cash S. W. Strong, postage and express,.....	2 17
			$54 17
		Balance to new account,.....	89 96
			$219 58

1882	Cr.		
April 30,	"	By Cash balance in hands Questor,	$7
May 1,	"	By Cash annual dues from Classis of Saratoga, May 1st, 1883,.....	1
" 16,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Schenectady,.....	1
" 26,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Greene,.....	1
July 7,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Geneva,.....	
" 20,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Montgomery,.....	2
Aug. 24,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Rennsselaer,...	1
Oct. 14,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Albany,.	2
" 16,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Cayuga	
Nov. 8,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Ulster.....	1
" 21,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Schoharie,..	
			$21
1883			
April 30,	"	By Cash balance in hands of Questor.....	$8

All of the Annual dues have been *promptly* paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours, etc.,

ISAAC FONDEY,

Questo

Albany, May 1, 1883.

F. V. VAN VRANKEN
ANDREW PARSONS,
A. F. TODD,
JOHN L. HUTCHINGS,
OLIVER S. PUTMAN.

The Committee on Necrology, ask leave to pres the following report:

The ministers who have died within the bounds the Particular Synod of Albany, since the last ann report, had served the church long and faithful They had, with one exception, attained an age beyo three score years and ten, one having even reach

beyond four score and ten years, and had, when the Master called them home, been retired for several years from the active labors of the pastoral service.

The Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, D. D., died at New Baltimore, N. Y., on the 29th day of May, 1882. He was born in Schenectady, on the 15th of March, 1790, and was, consequently, a little upwards of 92 years old at the time of his death. He was educated at Union College, where he graduated in 1811, and at the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, completing his course there in 1814. The same year he was settled as pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Belleville, N. J., his connection with it continuing till 1828. He devoted about a year, after his pastoral relation closed, to the work of collecting funds among the churches of our order, for the Seminary at New Brunswick, having been appointed to this service by the General Synod. He was then called to the Reformed Church of Schodack, N. Y., to which he ministered five years, removing in 1834, to New Baltimore, which thereafter became his home till his death in 1882, a period of nearly fifty years.

The church of New Baltimore was gathered and organized by him about this time, and a commodious church edifice reared, and, in 1836, dedicated. To this infant society he ministered for five years with very little compensation other than the gratitude of the people afforded, with the pleasing consciousness of effecting a work that would open facilities for promoting the moral and spiritual interests of the community. From 1839 to 1864, he was pastor of the Reformed Church of Onesquethaw, N. Y., having for twelve years of this period in connection with it, pastoral charge of the Reformed Church of Jerusalem. In 1864, he retired from active pastoral duties, after a half century of nearly continuous service in the pastoral office. Thenceforward, till within three or four years of his death, he rendered only such occasional services as he was solicited to perform, finding ever a delight in preaching the word as occasion presented, and in aiding any church or friend who stood in need of a helping hand.

His fields of labor during his long ministry, were none of them prominent. But the measure of a man's usefulness is not the height of the station which he is enabled to reach, nor the popular eclât attached to his name or work. His obscure fields were tilled faithfully and well, and good fruits to "cheer God and man" were yielded by them all. Several revivals of religion were interspersed throughout his pastoral experience; one, notably, at Schodack in 1832, resulting in an accession of nearly 200 persons within the year, to the membership of the church. Several others, with less striking results, occurred in later years of his ministry, all serving to attest that the word he preached and the work he performed were with "the demonstration of the Spirit," and fruitful in good to the souls of men and the interests of the church.

He was a man of wide and warm sympathies — frank and genial in intercourse, and with an equanimity and buoyancy of spirit that rarely suffered him to be cast down or disturbed by the various ills of life which to many are so disquieting.

He had the distinction of being the oldest surviving minister of his denomination and this for several years before his death; and long before his departure had hardly a friend or acquaintance remaining of the many who had begun the journey of life in his company. But the sense of solitariness did not sour his temper, or make him morose or melancholic. The bright and hopeful views he took of things, and his cheerful disposition, and the piety, which without being pretentious or demonstrative, had a serene, steady flow, evincing its sincerity, lifted him above gloom or repining, and made his presence full of sunshine to old and young to the last. He was blessed with unvarying health during the whole of his long life, his last sickness being really his first, and when the call came for him to go hence, it found him waiting and ready knowing whom he had believed, and passing over with the undoubting confidence that to the "faithful unto death," would be awarded by the gracious Lord the "crown of glory that fadeth not away."

The Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D. D., died at Kingston, N. Y., on the 9th of February last in the 72d year of his age. He had long occupied a prominent place as a minister of the Reformed Church, in which he was born and passed his whole ministerial life. Though he had lived beyond three score years and ten, when unexpectedly called to his rest his apparent health and mental freshness and vigor were such that several years of active and useful life might have seemed still open before him.

He graduated from Amherst College in 1832 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1834, and was called in 1835 to become the pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Chittenango, N. Y. In 1837 he assumed the pastorate of the Reformed Dutch Church of Ithaca, N. Y., continuing in this position till the fall of 1845, when he was installed as pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Kingston, N. Y., retaining his office here till 1867, a period of more than twenty-one years. After he retired from the pastorate of this church, Dr. Hoes entered upon no regular pastoral charge, though his services were often sought by neighboring churches, to one of which, the Reformed Church of Woodstock he ministered statedly for two years

He was a well furnished, intelligent, faithful and efficient minister of the Word, thoroughly evangelical in doctrine and in his preaching, in which he sought to present "the whole counsel of God" and to bring the great truths of God's wisdom and redeeming love through Jesus Christ, home to the heart, the understanding and conscience of men. His "trumpet gave no uncertain sound" and the message he felt honored to bring was never vague or misty, so that the hearer not comprehending it, might easily evade its force. It was perspicuous, direct and pointed, so that every one listening must needs feel the significance and bearing of it as a matter of personal concern and as impressing personal responsibility.

This preaching bore its appropriate fruits as shown in a people well instructed, earnest in christian effort and

ready at the call of Christ to do cheerfully whatever good work their hand found to do. He was moreover a laborious and adapted pastor carefully watching over all the members of his charge and suffering the interests of none to be jeoparded by a lack of proper attention and care. His love of order and system was very marked. All his affairs private as well as official, were subjected to the most systematic arrangement and control. His knowledge which was full and accurate, extended to the minutest details of things important for him to know in order to make his administration effective. His ministry was successful wherever it was exercised. Many souls were given him by the Master as the fruits of his earnest and devoted service, and in his last and longest pastorate, there were material as well as spiritual evidences of growth and prosperity, which will serve to make his ministry there marked and memorable.

Dr. Hoes was a prominent and influential member of our church courts, he was a ready and able debater, had independent views of things, and was strong and fearless in expressing his convictions. He was thoroughly familiar with the constitution, rules of order, and usages of the Reformed church, and this gave him additional influence in deliberative bodies, where he united the courtesy of the christian gentleman, to the knowledge and ability with which he supported his opinions. The church will miss him in her public assemblies, and especially in the Classis to which he had belonged nearly forty years, and in which he had held a responsible office nearly as long; his loss will occasion a vacuum which it will seem hard indeed to fill.

In the community where the most of his years were passed, his loss will be long and seriously felt. He was exemplary in his domestic and social relations, was a loyal and true friend of the church, a warm supporter of education, a good citizen, a kind neighbor, a man of pure life and undoubted piety, ready to befriend and help forward every good cause, and possessed of a charity that could cordially fraternize

and coöperate with christians of other names, regarding and treating them as brethren beloved. With some imperfections by which the best of us are also marked, and without which he had been more or less than human, his life and work have been those of an upright, sincere and devoted christian minister and man. The good influences he has been enabled to exert during his long ministry, will outlast his mortal career. And while greeting in the great final day the ransomed children whom the Lord had given him, will rejoice himself in the gracious greeting "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

It was thought, after writing the foregoing record, that the Necrological Report for the year was completed. Two other names, however, have recently been added to the roll of deceased ministers within the bounds of our Synod, viz.: the Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, who died in his 79th year, at Hoosick Falls, on the 12th of April, and Rev. Matthias Lusk, who died on the 13th of April last, at Coxsackie, in the 76th year of his age.

Mr. Tomb did not commence preaching till he had reached middle age. His original purpose was not to enter the ministry, and he therefore did not pursue the usual preparatory training deemed requisite to qualify young men for the fit performance of this important work. He belonged to a class, not numerous, who, when their prime is past, find an irrepressible desire awakened within them to preach the Gospel, and in order to compass this supreme object, are ready to give up secular employments and to make sacrifices, that they may be invested with ministerial functions, and announce the glad tidings of redeeming love to men.

A near relative of Mr. Tomb has given some account of him, which as presenting a faithful sketch of his life, services and character, may be fittingly introduced as a part of this report:

"Mr. Tomb, in early life was engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits. He did not pursue a regular

course of theological study at any seminary, but some time was directed in his reading of theology his brother-in-law, the late Rev. J. Searle. He v licensed to preach by a Congregational Associatic After temporarily supplying pulpits in the vicinity his home at New Baltimore, he joined the Presbyt of Troy and was ordained and installed over a chur in its bounds. In 1865 he entered the ministry of t Reformed Church, and was pastor at Wynantsk until 1872. He then resigned, and that was his l pastorate.

He was evangelical in the presentation of the tru of God's Word, forcible in delivery and faithful a pastor. He had a loving heart and self-sacrifici spirit. He was intent on doing good; and Go people were edified and sinners converted under ministry."

To this brief but comprehensive account little ne be added. The Chairman of your Committee kn the deceased well when he resided at New Baltimo and can speak from personal knowledge of the kin liness of his spirit, his genial sympathies, his love the Master's cause, his warm and consistent piety, a the glowing christian zeal that impelled him to se a place, though it might be an humble one, in t ranks of the ministry. What he was then, in fai in love to Christ and souls, in hearty endeavor to what he could to serve God and help man, he cont ued to be, while the day in which work could be do lasted. And when the night closed around hi announcing the time of rest for the weary, he doubt realized that "the sufferings of this pres time are not worthy to be compared with the j springing from the recognition, 'Well done, go and faithful servant.'"

Mr. Lusk graduated from Rutgers College in 18 and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1833. H was settled the same year as pastor of the Reform church of Jersey city, in which position he continu till 1848. This was his only pastoral charge. H health, which for a long time had been infirm, seem

to demand his withdrawal from the active labors of the pastorate, at least for a season, till sufficient strength should be restored. The recuperation that he hoped for did not afterwards come, and he found himself in no fit physical condition to resume the burdens he had laid aside, and he continued to reside in Jersey city till 1864, when he removed to Coxsackie, his native place, and the place also where his remaining years were passed. Here he led a quiet and some what secluded life not mingling with his brethren in ecclesiastical assemblies, and his name hardly known to the younger ministry who have come upon the stage since he retired from it. His nervous sensitiveness, the effect largely of feeble health, led him to shrink from contact with the noisy world about him, and even from church courts where occasional exciting discussions are apt to try even nerves of the stoutest fibre.

He was nevertheless a loyal and steadfast follower of the Divine Master knowing well whom he believed, and whose and what service it was that yielded him high and unfailing delight. While in the pastoreal service he commended himself as a workman who needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word and seeking to impress the great truths it embodies, upon every one's mind and conscience. Without being brilliant as a preacher, he was sound in doctrine, clear in exposition, earnest in setting forth God's counsel to men, and practical in applying what he taught, being on the whole an instructive and edifying minister of the word. In addition to this he was a faithful and sympathetic pastor, and during all his ministry enjoyed the respect and confidence of his people, to whom he gave freely and gladly such treasures as the Lord had given him, and was repaid by seeing his spiritual children walk in the truth, and his church prosper through God's smiles on his labor and prayers.

His life at Coxsackie was pursued with an even tenor for nearly a score of years till the end came, his infirm health not permitting him to preach or

participate actively in church work and his retiri habits not making his presence familiar or influent in social walks. He was regular in attendance public worship when strength allowed, gave liberal and without ostentation to the church and its charitie and with his estimable and well instructed family, wl were active and efficient in the Master's work, shed the light of an upright life along his daily pat He was recognized by the community as a dignifie pure and consistent christian man, who exemplifi in walk and character the doctrines he had public taught. The faith which he had proclaimed he he fast without wavering, finding in it solace and suppo through all his mortal journey up to its close, and as walked, fearing no evil into the shadows of the dre valley beyond.

Two other names of ministers who have died tl last year within our bounds, have been brought the attention of your Committee, since the session this Synod began.

The Rev. Jacob H. Van Woert died at Lawyersvill Schoharie Co., the 16th of last December, in the 60 year of his age. He graduated from Rutgers Colle in 1846, and from the Seminary of our church 1849, and was settled in 1850 as pastor of the church of North Blenheim and Breakabin where he remain two years. In 1852 he became pastor of the R formed Church of West Ghent, continuing to min ter to it for a period of thirteen years. In 1865 he w settled as the pastor of the churches of Lawyersvil and Sharon, his connection with them continuing t 1871, when his impaired physical energies constrain him reluctantly to withdraw from labors which had no longer the strength to perform. His hon was at Lawyersville for the remaining eleven years his life and these were years marked by sore affli tions. Deafness increased upon him, his eyesight b came more and more impaired, till in the end he fou it necessary to submit to the painful operation having one of his eyes extracted, since which tin he was afflicted with a complication of diseases, th

made his life for several years before its close, a continuous suffering. Yet all was borne with the utmost fortitude and the most cheerful submission to the Father's will. As his bodily strength declined his faith grew stronger, his love and peace and joy in the Lord abounded more and more, opening such ravishing views of heaven to him as to make him yearn to enter on the unspeakable glory, and causing him to break forth into such exclamations of rapture as deeply moved all who heard him and extolled the grace of God as thus strikingly displayed. In this frame of mind he passed away, dying in the Lord, leaving the bright record of his works to follow him.

He filled well the several positions he held in the church, was an earnest, intelligent and forcible preacher, faithful to all the trusts committed to him, while his devoted yet unostentatious piety led him to give himself wholly to the work to which the Master had called him, which he ardently loved for itself, and continued to prosecute with all diligence as long as strength to labor remained. He was highly esteemed by all who knew his sterling worth, and especially by those to whom he ministered in holy things, many of whom will appear as the seals of his ministry, and all of whom will cherish while they live, affectionate memories of the faithful pastor who sought without ceasing, to lead his people in the ways of righteousness and peace.

The Rev. Richard L. Schoonmaker graduated from Rutgers College in 1829, and from the New Brunswick Seminary in 1832. From this period till his death in 1882 in the 72d year of his age, he was actively and usefully employed as a minister of the New Testament, most of the time as a pastor, holding when the Master called him from earth, the pastoral relation to the Reformed Church of Glen, N. Y. He was indeed the only one of the ministers embraced in this necrological list whom death found with the harness of pastoral office still on. During his half century of service in the vineyard, he must have performed a large amount of work, and that work was bestowed in various fields, the number and character of which will be indicated by presenting

them in order, with the time which each was occu pied. His first settlement was over the Reformed Church of Waterford, N. Y., dating from the year of his ordination 1832 and lasting till 1835; next St Augustine, Fla., Presbyterian Church 1835–6; Re formed Church, Harlem, 1837–47; North Hempstead L. I., 1847–52; Waterford Reformed Church for the second time 1852–6; Amity, N. Y., 1856–61; Rotter dam 2d, 1861–71; Chaplain of State Prison, at Sing Sing, 1871–6; Greenville, N. Y., 1876–9; Glen 1879–1882.

He was a man who commended himself wherever known, by his amiable disposition, frank and affabl manners, and as a genial, intelligent companion wa welcomed by the friends who prized the easy flow o his conversation and the kindly spirit that prompted his pleasant words. These gifts made his intercours with the people of his charge agreeable and hi influence effective. He was effective also in setting forth the words of the Gospel message. His voic was full and sonorous, his articulation distinct, hi manner earnest, while the matter of his discourses which were simple in arrangement, clear in expres sion and pointed in application, was imbued witl evangelical truth, and adapted to impress the heart and consciences of sinners. He was permitted to se good fruits spring from his ministry in his severa charges and to rejoice in the realization "He tha goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shal doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing hi sheaves with him."

Your Committee have not learned the circum stances attending on the illness which withdrew hir for several months from his parish, in the hope o recovering strength in a southern climate, nor th experiences which imparted comfort and support t him in the closing days of life. Doubtless he foun the Lord present with and precious to him as the tim of his departure drew nigh, and felt the sweetness o the promise that "they who trust in the Lord sha be as Mount Zion which cannot be moved bu abideth forever," and realized in sickness and as th grave was opening before him, the full joy of th sentiment that thrills the true ambassador's heart i

the sorest crisis. "For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, neither principalities nor powers, nor height nor depth, can separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, my Lord."

One additional word as a reflection. It is remarkable that within the bounds of our Synod, no one of the Lord's servants actively employed in His vineyard has been summoned from his toils this year, those only having been called home whose span of life with the single exception referred to, reached beyond three score years and ten, and all these after having laid aside for some time, the cares and burdens of the pastorate. The All-Wise has seen fit to spare the younger servants for further labors to glorify his name, by tilling the soil still, and gathering other sheaves for the harvest, while he has taken away the fathers in the church whose arms had grown too languid to scatter the seed, or wield the sickle. In either case an instructive lesson is conveyed. To those permitted still to work with other and perhaps higher opportunities of usefulness, the admonition comes to make the most of the flitting hours of the day which is liable to close abruptly, and to do with all the might whatever the hand finds to do for the Master, in view of the time, that may be near at hand when all work device and labor must cease. While as to the aged ministers of His who have done His pleasure, and have died in the faith, their life-experience proclaims the surpassing value and beauty of that religion which, unlike every scheme of man's devising, makes the hoary-headed strong when bodily infirmities make them weak, enables them to bear the fruits of love, peace and joy in old age, and to survey the approach of death with a smile of triumph as they exclaim, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me in that day."

Respectfully submitted,

C. VAN SANTVOORD,

Chairman.

The special committee on the communication of J. Howard Reed reported as follows: which report was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

The committee to whom was referred a communication from Maurice E. Viele, Esq., in reference to return rates of delegates to this Synod on Albany & Susquehanna Railroad, beg to report:

That the generous offer of the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad to convey the clerical members of this body on their return from Schoharie, at one-third the regular rates, is appreciated, and that the thanks of this body be hereby given to those by whom this courtesy is extended.

Respectfully submitted
C. VAN SANTVOORD,
Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Report reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion have examined the reports of all the Classes within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, and find, upon the whole, much to encourage our faith and hope.

The report of the Classis of Albany does not differ materially from those given in recent years. The most of the Churches are prosperous, some having enjoyed a larger measure of the Spirit's presence than usual. An encouraging indication of Christian life is seen in the contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes, which are more than $2,000 above last year.

The Classis of Cayuga speaks of a condition of things which indicates mingled prosperity and depression.

Cicero has lost its church edifice, by fire, during the year, and with commendable zeal is building another of comely and convenient proportions.

Chittenango reports an advance in spiritual growth.

Syracuse reports a year of peace and steady work, and general prosperity.

Christ Church, Utica, have entered their new church building.

The Classis of Geneva, exhibits a healthful state of prosperity in the Churches within its bounds, though

the prevalence of worldliness is deplored. The statistics of Benevolence show a falling off on the part of some Churches, and an increase on the part of others since last year, the average being 66 cents per member, or a little decline from former years. Mention is made of a contemplated Mission work in Wayne county where at least 200 Holland families reside, who crave the regular means of Grace.

Lodi reports an advance in both spiritual and temporal things. The other Churches make mention of no special features, but seem to be moving on with steady pace.

The Classis of Greene, reports from the First Church of Athens, a revised list of membership which exhibits a membership of 150 instead of 189 as per last report. The rest of the report is however glowing with sunshine. The Church is full of life.

In temporalities, the First Church of Catskill is highly prosperous. In spiritual things also, the Church is highly favored.

The First Church of Coxsackie, have built a new and convenient parsonage at a cost of about $3,000. Spiritual prosperity also abounds.

Second Coxsackie reports a year of quiet refreshing and even prosperity. The other churches of this Classis appear to be in a healthful state.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Montgomery, feel that they have abundant reason to thank God and take courage, in the review of the past year.

Classis of Rensselaer, only two churches report special revival influences; others report many hopeful indications, promising much for the future, while none are obliged to mention divisions or other discouraging conditions. In Benevolence, the aggregate is a little below last year. In one instance, special mention is made of aggressive work in the Temperance cause, and the inquiry is raised as to the duty of the Church to do more and act more aggressively in the enforcement of existing laws.

There seems to be no material change in the condition of the Churches of the Classis of Saratoga:

though there are evidences of growing prosperity, i several of the Churches, notably in the Churches Cohoes, North Reformed of West Troy and Greei wich. The South Reformed Church of West Tro also speaks of manifest tokens of God's blessing.

The Report on the State of Religion in the Class of Schenectady, is particularly encouraging. Th past year in the First Reformed Church of Schene tady, has been one of the most prosperous perioc known in its history, both in spiritual and tempor things. The Second Church of the same place, yield a most gratifying report. It tells of an addition thirty-eight more families than last years, and eight seven more members, while the benevolence ha been many times increased. The First Church Glenville has also been blessed. The other Churche have not been lacking in evidences of a fair prosperity

The Churches of the Classis of Schoharie have als been blessed. The Church of Schoharie does n rejoice in any special manifestations of the Spirit presence, still God has not left his word without witness. The quiet refreshings of his grace have n been denied,

The Church of Middleburgh has been greatl blessed in financial prosperity; while many have bee added to the membership of the Church, who wi contribute to the development of its spiritual life.

The Church of Gallupville has also been materiall strengthened during the past year. In the othe Churches, increased activity and earnestness are ind cated.

Classis of Ulster, The Churches have enjoyed a fai measure of prosperity. No revivals have bee enjoyed, though there has been a general growt and development. The old Mother Church this region has literally lengthened her cords an strengthened her stakes, in extensive improvement and additions to her Church property, at an expens of more than $20,000. This work has enlisted th co-operation and evoked the enthusiasm of the whol congregation. The Church has never been mor

prosperous. No special items are recorded of the other Churches of this Classis.

In reviewing all the reports of the Classes comprehensively, we are impressed with the tone of hope and spirit which prevails. The year has been one of general advance. There is not so much of lament as in former years. We seem to be emerging from a period of spiritual dearth, and to be entering upon a brighter era. In answer to prayer, God is disclosing his power. The past has not exhausted Him. Hath He not "the residue of the Spirit?" let us look forward with confidence, to the fulfillment of His pledge to his Son, to whom He has consecrated this planet.

In conclusion, we have but one suggestion to make to the Stated Clerks of the various Classes, viz., that a last year's report in the case of any Church, should be made to do duty only in reporting the number of families, and the total in communion. To add, *e. g.*, the number received on Confession last year, in any Church, to those received this year in the remaining Churches, gives a manifestly incorrect report. It is so evidently misleading in representing the present numerical strength of any Classis, or in stating the total of moneys raised, that it seems to your Committee, best thot the several spaces be left vacant, except as above indicated.

Respectfully submitted.
J. G. VAN SLYKE,
Chairman.

We note the following ministerial changes.

The First Reformed Church of Albany as well as the Third Reformed Church, in the Classis of Albany have become vacant, by the resignation of their respective Pastors, the Rev. R. W. Clark, D.D., and the Rev. J. B. Campbell.

In the *Classis of Cayuga*, the Rev. Wm. A. Wurts has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

In the *Classis of Geneva*, the Rev. J. H. Van Doren, has been dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie. The

candidate D. J. De Bey has been received from the Classis of Wisconsin, examined, ordained and installed over the Abbe Church, Clymer Village.

The Rev. J. W. Te Winkel has been received from the Classis of Grand River, and installed over the Church of East Williamson.

The Rev. S. T. Cole, has been received from the Classis of Albany and installed Pastor over the church of Tyre.

In the *Classis of Greene*, the Rev. B. B. Staats has been received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed over the First Church of Coxsackie.

Rev. A. D. Campbell has been dismissed to Classis of Rensselaer.

The Classis of Montgomery, the Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw has been released from the Pastorate of the church of Herkimer and dismissed to the Classis of Newark. The Rev. H. M. Cox has been received from the Classis of Bergen and installed over the Church of Herkimer. The Rev. J. M. Compton has been dismissed to the Classis of Cayuga. The Rev. F. V. Van Vranken has been received from the Classis of Newark and installed over the Church of Fultonville. The Rev. S. O. Lawsing has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia and installed over the Church of Glen. The Rev. John Minor has been installed over the Churches of Currytown and Mapletown. The Rev. T. W. Jones has been released from the Pastorate of the Church of Fonda, and dismissed to the Classis of Michigan. The Rev. J. A. De Baun, D.D., has been received from the Classis of Schenectady, to be installed over the Church of Fonda.

In the *Classis of Rensselaer*, the changes are: The pastoral relation has been dissolved between the Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren and the Church of Blooming Grove; between the Rev. Geo. H. Mills and the Church of Castleton; the Rev. J. S. N. Demarest and the Church of Nassau. Rev. Geo. A. Mills was dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga, and Rev. H. R.

Schermerhorn to the Presbytery of Neosho, Kansas.

The Rev. H. A. Hendrickson has been received from the Classis of Monmouth. The Rev. Alan D. Campbell has been received from the Classis of Greene and installed at Castleton; and the Rev. W. Henry McGiffert has been received from the Classis of Hudson and installed at Blooming Grove.

The Ministerial changes in the Classis of Saratoga are: Rev. Geo. A. Mills received from the Classis of Rensselaer and installed Pastor of the Church of Northumberland.

The Rev. B. Fay Mills received from the Black Hills Congregational Association.

The Rev. J. W. Chapman received from the Presbytery of Whitewater, and arrangements made for his installation as Pastor of Church at Schuylerville.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren's pastoral relation with the Schuylerville Church dissolved, and he dismissed to the Classis of Schenectady.

In the Classis of Schenectady, the Ministerial changes are; The Rev. Herman Vandewart has been dismissed to the Classis of Greene. The Rev. D. K. Van Doren has been received from the Classis of Saratoga.

The Rev. J. A. De Baun, D. D., has been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

Schoharie, The Rev. Andrew Parsons received from the Presbyterian of Columbia and installed over Church of Sharon.

Rev. J. H. Van Woert died.

The Classis of Ulster has dismissed the Rev. B. B. Staats to the Classis of Greene, and received the Rev. Wm. A. Wurts from the Classis of Cayuga. The Rev. A. M. Arcularius has been dismissed to the Classis of Albany, and the pastoral relation between the Rev. Sanford H. Cobb and the church of Saugerties has been dissolved. The Rev. T. S. Hooper has been received from the Congregational Association of Central California, upon letters of commendation and after examination by Classis. The Rev. F. Wilson, has also been received from the Classis of Raritan, N. J.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Catechumens.	Number of Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Albany,	Vacant,	240	10	6	23	....	7	486	12	4	.....	1	457	$4806.00	$73 .00	Albany, N. Y.
Madison Avenue,	W. R. Davis,	220	11	44	2	....	6	*302	5	2	.....	1	450	3877.06	28545.70	Albany, N. Y.
Third Albany,	Vacant,	†132	23	6	6	....	2	228	22	6	40	1	306	258.66	2961.55	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Albany,	C. F. Neef,	63	6	....	....	....	2	120	15	....	65	1	1 .0	48.00	924.00	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany,	Henry K. Boer,	80	18	1	5	2	....	132	6	1	70	1	1 33	238.94	1173.65	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem,	Wm J. Skilliman,	†140	....	....	1	....	5	219	2	....	.....	4	3 0	.....	1220.00	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem,	J. L. Pearse, S. C.,	90	3	....	6	....	1	200	3	1	50	1	1 00	218.00	1245.00	Adams, Station, N. Y.
Second Berne,	Vacant,	77	8	1	....	....	1	149	1	2	.....	1	80	11.98	485.00	Knox, N. Y.
Knox,	Vacant,	28	2	....	....	....	....	56	3	1	.....	2	.....	17.31	297.00	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville,	A. G. Lansing, S. S.,	61	1	1	5	....	2	106	....	..	142	2	178	9 42	488.34	New Salem, N. Y.
Coeymans,	H. P. Craig,	95	4	6	2	....	3	161	1	1	131	1	131	253.68	1374.47	Coeymans, N. Y.
Jerusalem,	Edwin Veeder,	93	....	2	3	....	2	126	2	....	....	1	150	20 99	661.93	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem,	A. G. Lansing,	100	15	2	2	..	3	212	1	4	.....	1	176	42.72	1643 90	New Salem, N. Y.
Onesquethaw,	Edwin Veeder,	†50	....	....	....	....	....	64	....	....	.....	1	50	16.79	343.70	Jerusalem, N. Y.
Union,	A. C. Millspaugh,	50	1	....	....	....	1	49	1	1	.....	1	60	25 43	709.78	Union Church, N. Y.
New Baltimore,	A. M. Arcularius,‡	†72	1	3	1	....	3	182	1	....	.....	1	98	223.24	1357 27	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo,	Vacant,	50	.....	....	3	....	2	86	....	....	.....	2	75	49.27	371.92	Westerlo, N, Y.
Total,		1641	103	72	59	2	40	2878	75	23	498	23	2894	$10,117.49	$50,963.21	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Campbell, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. G. M. D. Slocum, Gloversville, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.

‡Pastor elect. †Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census,	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota,*	Supplied,†	36	..	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	..	1	80	..	..	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero,*	Supplied,‡	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	90	..	..	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango,*	C. Otis Thatcher,	68	..	..	..	..	..	117	..	..	..	..	1	115	..	..	Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumburg,*	Peter Mölling,	35	..	..	..	..	..	89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Naumburg, N. Y.
New Bremen,	Peter Mölling,	10	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Naumburg, N. Y.
Owasco,	Robert H. Barr,	137	2	1	2	..	4	126	1	..	..	..	2	150	..	..	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet,*	Charles Anderson,	40	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	1	75	..	..	Auburn, N. Y.
Syracuse,	Evert Van Slyke,	170	2	12	3	..	2	288	5	1	..	300	1	300	$800.00	$6700.00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles,*	Henry De Vries,	50	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	1	130	..	..	Alexandria, N. Y.
Christ Church, Utica.	Isaac S. Hartley,	107	7	2	..	..	3	176	2	..	..	..	1	137	591.24	6753.05	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden,*	John M. Reiner,	25	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	West Leyden, N. Y.
Total,		748	11	16	5	..	9	1098	8	1	..	300	10	1097	$1,391.24	$13,453.05	

Other Ministers.—Rev. George Rockwell, Fulton, N. Y.; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan; Rev. J. Henry Enders, City Missionary, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. Jas. M. Campton, S. C., Lenox, N. Y. Supply of Lenox and Ridgeville Presbyterian Churches.

† Rev. J. W. Whitfield. ‡ Rev. J. A. Strail. * Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Abbe Church,	D. J. De Bey,	60	9	2	...	..	1	126	5	..	139	53	1	100	$89.93	$925.83	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Arcadia,	.....	.....	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	.....	..	.....	... ..	.....	East Newark, Wayne.
Cato,	.....	...	...	.	1	...	3	25	..	..	.....	...	....	.....	....	250.00	Cato, Cayuga.
Caroline,	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clymer,	M Van Doorn,	87	5	..	...	.	2	190	16	. .	68	40	1	85	127.97	750 00	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk,	.....	15	..	..	...	..	1	20	1	..	.. ..	....	1	11	10 00	42.0 0	Dunkirk, Chautauqua.
East Williamson,	J. W. Te Winkle,	108	8	7	4	....	3	248	21	3	.....	.. ..	1	100	108.39	1514.39	E. Williamson, Wayne.
Fair Haven,	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	Fair Haven, Cayuga.
Farmer Village,	Wm. H. Nasholds,	114	..	3	3	..	1	188	2	..	.....	...	1	90	98.12	1658 29	Farmer Vil. Sen. Co.
Geneva,	Thomas C Strong,†	82	1	...	..	....	3	135	1	....	40	30	1	50	60.00	10 0 00	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Lodi,	H. P. McAdam,	145	7	2	...	....	3	217	..	5	82	40	1	2 0	215 53	2269.72	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Marion,	Matt. Kolyn,	124	4	11	6	....	..	270	23	..	. ..	40	1	150	70.65	937.50	Marion, Wayne Co.
Mina,	.....	8	....	...	..	....	...	15	..	...	.....	...	..	20	12.89	6.51	Mina, Chautauqua Co.
Pultneyville,	P. G. M. Bahler,	75	..	3	..	2	2	111	..	...	56	45	1	75	60 72	566 78	Pultneyville, Wayne.
Rochester,	Peter DeBruyn,	203	8	6	8	3	4	287	15	...	.. ..	150	1	225	302.46	2431.45	Rochester, Monroe.
Tyre,	S. T. Cole,	40	2	2	3	...	2	50	..	1	. ..	...	2	110	55.54	405.82	Malcom, Seneca Co.
Total,	.....	1061	44	36	25	3	25	1882	84	9	385	398	12	1216	$1,212.20	$12,353.29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (S. C.), Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D D., Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer, Colporteur Am. Sch. Soc., No. 579 Carroll St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Emeritus pastor, Clymer, Chautauqua Co.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen, Williamson, Wayne Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens,	H. Van Der Wart,	90	9	5	4	....	3	*150	1	4	57	....	1	175	$228 50	$1,388 88	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens,	Vacant,	20	....	....	....	....	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Athens, N. Y.
First Catskill,	John B. Thompson,	250	31	16	8	....	6	437	6	4	203	150	3	225	854 07	3,874 45	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie,	Bergen B. Staats,	100	2	4	....	....	2	*212	2	1	38	50	2	120	131 73	3,146 87	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie,	John H. Salisbury,	134	12	2	13	....	6	287	7	5	67	.....	1	200	450 93	2,395 24	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom,	Geo. J. Van Nest,	86	5	4	..	1	6	198	6	2	64	....	3	125	352 89	719 35	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds,	C. P. Ditmars,	62	1	1	3	....	1	98	3	....	60	75	2	105	106 50	1,141 51	Leeds, N. Y.
Total,		742	60	32	28	1	24	1412	25	16	489	275	12	950	$2,124 62	$12,663 30	

Other Ministers—Maurice G. Hansen, New Brunswick, N. J.: Benjamin Van Zandt, S.C., Catskill, N. Y.: Sanford W. Roe, D.D., Cairo, Greene Co., N. Y.
Candidates.—John Brandon, Melvin D. Brandon, and William H. Bocock, Coxsackie, N. Y. * Revised list.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Families.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville,	F. M. Kip, Jr., S.S.,	45	...	7	...	...	...	44	1	1	.....	.....	1	68	$40 87	$523 65	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie,	Richard R. Williams,	142	6	7	3	1	5	208	9	8	.....	200	1	200	200 00	2,200 00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia,	Peter A. Wessels,	105	1	2	1	...	4	83	...	...	.....	100	2	160	167 26	1,610 82	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville,	Vacant,	31	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown,	John Minor,	36	1	1	2	...	...	54	...	...	.....	.....	1	40	47 65	793 07	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah,	Rufus M. Stanbrough,	85	1	...	4	...	...	140	1	1	.....	.....	1	50	.....	270 00	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida,	Richard A. Pearse,	72	2	2	2	...	3	124	...	1	.....	.....	1	100	109 00	1,700 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda,	John A. De Baun,	214	15	3	2	...	7	444	7	7	.....	.....	5	300	502 94	3,749 59	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain,	Denis Wortman,	163	2	1	4	..	4	192	1	...	.....	.....	1	175	401 79	2,611 50	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer,	Vacant.																
Fultonville,	F. V. Van Vranken,	100	3	4	6	...	3	127	...	2	35	100	1	122	123 99	1,360 97	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen,	Sidney O. Lawsing,	82	1	1	5	...	1	84	1	1	.....	.....	2	150	108 65	604 80	Glen, N. Y.
Hagamen's Mills,	A. J. Hageman, S.C.,	90	7	2	2	..	3	110	1	1	50	40	2	170	362 60	1,116 22	Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.
Henderson,	Daniel Lord,	25	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	.....	.....	1	12	.....	300 00	Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer,	Henry M. Cox,	125	6	...	6	...	1	168	8	....	.....	125	1	125	203 80	3,555 63	Herkimer, N. Y.
Indian Castle,*	Vacant,	13	...	...	...	...	...	10									
Manheim,*	Vacant,	40	...	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown,	John Minor,	52	...	...	1	...	...	72	...	...	.....	.....	1	25	14 82	386 00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk,	James Edmonson,	80	...	...	3	...		177	...	...	.....	.....	1	100	32 50	1,350 00	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson,	J. R. Kyle,	105	4	7	2	...	6	192	5	1	.....	25	1	136	195 71	1,506 93	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville,	Albert Dod Minor,	125	14	2	3	...	5	161	3	8	.....	.....	2	175	100 73	4,841 97	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Spraker's Basin,	Vacant,	36	1	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	.....	.....	1	36	7 00	185 00	Spraker's Basin, N. Y.
Stone Arabia,	Rufus M. Stanbrough,	49	3	....	1	....	1	74	4	1	.....	.....	1	25	13 25	637 74	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Total,	....	1815	67	39	47	1	44	2509	41	26	85	590	28	2209	$2,686 55	$29,300 68	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y. * Last year's report. † Revised list.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blooming Grove,	W. Henry McGiffert,	76	3	1	1	...	1	84	5	1	50	75	1	75	$36 18	$1,100 00	Defreestville, N. Y.
Castleton,	Alan D. Campbell,	100	8	3	4	...	..	176	3	...	...		1	135	114 75	2,000 00	astleton, N. Y.
Chatham,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	112	6	....	....	...	2	165	..	2	.....	.....	1	205	495 26	1,700 00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent,	John B. Drury,	75	3	...	3	...	1	118	3	1	38	40	1	110	200 00	1,840 00	Ghent, N. Y.
Second Ghent,	Isaac S. Schenck,	73	5	..	3	...	4	*107		...	..	... ..	1	80	47 00	1,475 05	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush,	John Steele,	120	21	5	6	...	.	301	1	8	86	.....	1	125	258 22	1,661 24	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook,	E. A. Collier, S.C.,	175	5	6	4	....	7	303	5	.	130	80	2	160	1,431 06	2,913 74	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau,	Vacant,	143	3	5	6	...	2	*289	8	1	42	.....	1	85	311 82	2,350 68	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	30	...	...	..	....	...	37	.	...	.....	.....	1	36	21 50	462 00	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack,	William Veenschoten,	80	13	4	6	...	6	122	3	3	160	40	3	100	185 42	1,226 73	Multzeskill, N. Y.
Schodack Landing,	H. A. Hendrickson,	94	2	8	3	...	2	173	...	1	†115	80	1	137	163 26	1,549 03	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Nevius,	70	2	1	..	.	1	79	4	...	41	.....	1	70	271 38	746 24	Stuyvesant, N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls,	Vacant,	†60	...	....	...	....	...	†105	....	.	.....	....	†1	†55	.....	....	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1208	71	33	36	..	26	2058	32	17	662	315	16	1373	$3,525 85	$19,024 71	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y.; *retired*, Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota; *suspended*, Rev. Wm. H. Van Dorn, Milistone, N. J.

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed	Suspended.	Di. d.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. School.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Bocht,.....	George I. Taylor,....	21	1	...	..	...	2	36	1	1	..	.....	1	53	$40 20	$453 58	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Buskirks,.....	James L. Southard,..	41	1	...	2	..	1	65	...	1	5	....	1	.....	75 00	600 00	Buskirks, Wash. Co.
Cohoes,.....	J. Paschal Strong,...	220	17	5	9	..	10	393	16	8	.....	1	1	490	221 00	5,172 91	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Easton,.....	Vacant,.....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	Easton, Wash. Co.
Fort Miller,...	J. W. Chapman, S.S.,	37	....	..	..	....	..	70	2	..	..	.....	1	50	51 10	251 96	Fort Miller, Wash. Co.
Gansevoort,...	George A. Mills, S.S.,	30	..	..	..	....	2	19	...	...	.....	.....	...	63	52 50	320 00	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland, ..	George A. Mills,....	60	3	2	1	..	1	89		2	.....	.....	1	75	51 00	1,043 00	Nor humberland, N. Y.
Rensselaer,.....	George I. Taylor,....	13	3	2	..	....	1	11	...	2	..	.....	1	35	....	157 75	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Saratoga,.....	J. W. Chapman,*...	61	3	2	5	.	4	151	1	1	2	.....	1	190	98 81	1,584 96	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke,.....	Edward G. Ackerman,	44	...	..	1	....	...	68	1	..	102	.....	1	65	21 25	896 75	Reynolds, Rens. Co.
Union Village	B. Fay Mills, S.S.,...	65	18	8	3	....	1	166	2	6	.. ..	125	1	125	120 00	2,625 00	Greenwich, Wash. Co.
West Troy.....	John G. Lansing,....	170	18	10	3	....	...	281	5	5	.....	.....	1	275	310 64	14 919 32	West Troy, Albany Co.
West Troy (South), ..	Selah W. Strong, S.C.,	100	18	13	14	..	5	247	17	4	141	95	1	308	784 66	3,111 97	West Troy, Albany Co.
Wynantskill,.....	C. P. Evans, S.S.....	82	2	1	...	..	3	99	.	1	.....	.....	1	50	52 25	1,500 00	Wynantskill, Rens. Co.
Total,.....	....	1008	84	43	38	..	30	1695	45	31	253	221	12	1779	$1,878 41	$29,574 20	

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of cate-chumens.	Number of Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Schenectady,	William E. Griffis,	259	33	5	12	..	5	352	2	18	450	200	3	650	$1,079 53	$5,751 78	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady,	Peter E. Kipp,	153	77	16	2	1	3	273	6	43	....	.....	1	220	594 46	2,650 00	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville,	William I. Hill,	155	17	4	9	...	11	278	4	9	.....	160	3	200	264 87	2,012 31	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville,	D. K. Van Doren,†	85	...	..	2	....	2	164	..	...	.....	. .	3	175	... .	956 00	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam,	John C. Lowe,	*65	2	...	1		1	121	3	...	.....	.....	1	130	120 09	885 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam,	Ira Van Ailen,	50	2	..	1	1	2	69	9	....	62	.....	1	87	.....	775 00	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg,	S. L. Gamble, (S.C.),	234	7	5	6		1	517	9	1	47	.....	5	324	236 84	1,590 00	Guilder and Centre.
Niskayuna,	Vacant,	100	6	2	9	...	2	201	9	...	104	104	3	200	266 36	1,056 56	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill,	Vacant,	85	4	..	2	...	3	167	1	2	50	100	2	160	170 05	1,366 00	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity,	Benjamin A. Bartholf,	84	1	..	4	...	5	124	3	...	.....	70	1	150	63 25	901 50	Vischers' Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown,	J. Kelly Rhinehart,	85	1	1	3	..	1	*235	6	...	60	75	1	145	137 59	1,056 21	Gifford, N. Y.
Total,		1346	150	33	51	2	36	2501	52	73	371	709	24	2441	$2,842 80	$19,000 36	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. C. Lawrence, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.
Candidate.—Lauren Vanderveer, Schenectady, N. Y. * Revised list. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Schoharie	Augustus F. Todd	70	3	3	..	3	3	114	..	1	.....	20	1	75	$191.26	$1193.00	Schoharie, N. Y.
Middleburgh	Elbert N. Sebring	90	29	6	..	..	..	140	2	14	....	30	1	125	138.00	1458.00	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Gallupville	J. Howard Van Doren.	45	..	2	2	..	3	75	..	..	.....	25	1	70	24.00	876.70	Gallupville N. Y.
Berne	Robert Dolg, S. C.	64	4	..	..	1	4	130	..	2	27	25	1	60	187.50	560.00	Berne, Albany Co.
Beaverdam	Robert Dolg	60	7	1	..	..	2	120	..	3	24	30	1	100	28.00	450.00	Berne, Albany Co.
Lawyersville	William P. Davis	50	1	1	1	..	1	68	..	..	.....	20	1	75	24.00	700.00	Lawyersville, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain	William D Buckelew	50	2	2	..	1	2	86	1	..	.....	20	1	80	8.11	440.00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
North Blenheim	Edward Miller	35	4	..	1	..	..	44	1	3	.....	10	1	40	8.74	200.00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Breakabin	Edward Miller	35	14	..	1	..	..	67	4	7	.....	18	1	80	3.84	300.00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Sharon	Andrew Parsons	45	..	1	1	..	2	120	7	..	.....	96	1	122	60.00	150.00	Sharon Centre, N. Y.
Gilboa	Benj. C. Miller, S. S	70	4	..	..	..	..	125	..	..	.....	..	1	140	30.00	700.00	Gilboa, N. Y.
Central Bridge	Wm. D. Buckelew	20	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	.....	.....	1	40	.....	500.00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Prattsville	N F. Nickerson	72	4	....	4	....	3	98	6	3	.....	82	1	82	67.50	1093.80	Prattsville, Greene Co.
Moresville	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....	....	..	....	.....	.....	Grand Gorge, N. Y.
South Gilboa	Vacant*	17	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....	....	..	....	.....	100.00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
Total,		723	72	16	10	5	20	1199	21	33	51	376	13	1089	†$770.95	$9,981.50	

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. n.-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blue Mountain,	John F. Hooper, (a)	120	5	....	1	....	2	253	17	....	.....	40	2	145	$41 16	$970 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Catskban,	Stephen Searle,	75	....	..	....	....	2	*122	6	....	.....	.....	1	.....	474 04	1,132 41	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus,	Eugene Hill,	105	9	6	....	....	3	100	8	5	.....	75	2	120	61 37	1,055 14	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush,	A. A. Zabriski,	145	2	3	5		3	*266	4	....	.....	.....	5	350	166 92	1,575 92	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston,	J. G. Van Slyke,	245	11	10	5	1	6	472	14	5	.....	.....	....	275	970 00	1,500 00	Kingston, N. Y.
North Esopus,	B. C. Lippincott,	90	5	3	5	....	4	*150	5	1	..	20	1	186	105 74	1,622 60	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill,	W. G. E See,	140	6	3	1	....	3	255	5	....	.....	....	3	160	102 68	1,162 83	Glasco, N. Y.
Roxbury,	A. M. Arcularius,	73	..	5	6	....	....	99	3	....	.....	.....	1	60	18 50	2,083 12	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties,	S. H. Cobb,	195	3	7	11	....	6	283	2	....	.....	125	1	175	749 70	2,243 04	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken,	A. J. Beekman,	44	....	....	1	....	1	69	....	....	.....	.....	1	54	14 00	291 00	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan,	A. J. Beekman,	68	4	2	3	....	1	132	4	3	.....	.....	1	60	46 75	697 83	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartsville,†	Vacant,	20	.	....	1	....	....	41	..	.	.....	.....	2	70	.....	.....	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley,	Vacant,	75	.	4	1	....	2	120	2	..	.....	.... ..	1	100	.....	800 00	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock,	William A. Wurts,	63	..	3	....	....	2	122	1	..	.....	6	2	160	.....	706 00	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck,	Wm. A. Shaw, S.S.,	46	2		....	....	....	85	....	....	.....	.... ..	1	175	126 53	602 16	Kingston, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1454	47	46	40	1	44	2589	71	14	.....	266	24	2090	$2,877 89	$29,941 06	

Ministers without charge and their Post-Office Addresses.— Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhis, (S.C.), Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. B. C. Miller.

Candidates.—Rev. N. F. Chapman, Smith's Landing, Greene Co., N. Y.; Rev. W. S. More, Yonkers, N. Y.

(a) Pastor elect. † Last year's report. * Revised list.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Classes.	Census.			Communicants.						Baptized.			C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Alban	17	15	1641	103	72	59	2	40	2878	75	23	.....	498	23	2894	$10.117 49	$50,963 21	Rev. J. L. Pearse.
Cayuga,	11	14	748	11	16	5	...	9	1098	8	1	.....	300	10	1097	1,391 24	13,453 05	Rev. Jas. M. Compton
Geneva,	16	17	1061	44	36	25	3	25	1882	84	9	385	398	12	1216	1,212 20	12,353 29	Rev. Jno. Whitbeck.
Greene,	7	9	742	60	32	28	1	24	1412	25	16	489	275	12	950	2,124 62	12,666 30	Rev. B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery,	23	17	1815	67	39	47	1	44	2509	41	26	85	590	28	2209	2,626 55	29,300 88	Rev. A. J. Hagaman.
Rensselaer,	13	14	1208	71	33	36	...	26	2058	32	17	662	315	16	1373	3,525 85	19,024 71	Rev. Edw'd A. Collier.
Saratoga,	14	16	1008	84	43	38	...	30	1695	45	31	253	221	12	1779	1,878 41	29,574 20	Rev. Selah W. Strong.
Schenectady,	11	12	1346	150	33	51	2	36	2501	52	73	371	709	24	2441	2,842 80	19,000 36	Rev. S. L. Gamble.
Schoharie,	15	14	723	72	16	10	5	20	1199	21	33	51	376	13	1089	770 95	9,981 50	Rev. Robert Doig.
Ulster,	15	21	1454	47	46	40	1	44	2589	71	14	864	266	24	2090	2,877 39	29,941 06	Rev. J. N. Voorhis.
Total,	142	149	11746	709	376	339	15	298	19821	454	243	3160	3948	174	17138	$29,367 50	$226,258 56	

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH VISITATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Church Visitation reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

To the Reverend Particular Synod of Albany:

Your Committee on Church Visitation would respectfully report, that statements have been received from all the Classes except Albany, the representative of your Committee in that Classis being away from home. From the statements received it appears that the two Classes of Greene and Schenectady have taken order that all their churches should be visited. The Classes of Geneva, Montgomery and Schoharie, have partially done the work of Church Visitation. The reports from these five Classes, without exception, speak of decided spiritual benefits derived from the services performed. The Classes of Cayuga, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Ulster have done nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. COBB,
Chairman.

April 23, 1183.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Whereas, our Board of Foreign Missions is seeking to know the mind of the Reformed Church in relation to extending our missionary operations in Japan, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Particular Synod recommend to the Board of Foreign Missions an increase in the number of missionaries in said field, and that we, as ministers and elders, pledge ourselves, in behalf of our Churches, to an earnest endeavor to increase, by at least ten (10) per cent, our gifts to the Board.

Resolved, That our Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, be requested hereafter to send a representative from each of them, respectively, to represent the

interests of said Boards, at our annual meetings, s for the awakening and increase of missionary kno edge and work, among the Churches.

ARTICLE XII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Jas. A. H. Cornell,	Rev. W K. Boer,
J. F. Neef,	Edwin Vedder,
Geo. M. D. Slocum,	W. P. Craig.
Elders.	*Elders.*
John E. Taylor,	N. Hotaling,
E. A. Bartlett,	Isaac Fonday,
John McHarg,	Barton F. Bronk.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. Henry Enders,	Rev. James M. Compt
John M. Reiner,	Isaac S. Hartley,
Robert H. Barr,	Peter A. Mölling
Elders.	*Elders.*
Samuel Bonta,	Jacob Collier,
David K. Hoyt,	N. Reinmiller,
D. M. M. Bagg,	William De Graff.

Classis of Geneva.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. P. G. M. Bahler,	Rev. D. J. De Bey,
Peter De Bruyn,	M. Van Doren,
S. T. Cole,	J. W. Te Winke

Elders.	*Elders.*
J. Van Olden,	M. Volkenier,
J. P. Morehouse,	John Van Doren,
Geo. S. Conover,	S. S. Gulick.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Bergen B. Staats,	Rev. George J. Van Neste,
C. P. Ditmars,	John H. Salisbury,
H. Vanderwart,	B. Van Zandt, D.D.

Elders.	*Elders.*
J. A. Snyder,	Wm. H. Brandow,
Wm. Terry,	J. A. Cook,
Wm. H. Van Orden,	Jeremiah Overback.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. A. J. Hageman,	Rev. John Minor,
Daniel Lord.	James Edmonson,
Henry M. Cox,	J. R. Kyle,
R. M. Stanbrough,	Albert Dod Minor.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Alonzo Fowler,	Stanton E. Taylor,
Richard Getman,	J. A. Rasbach,
W. C. Rasbach,	James Clark,
Reuben Groff,	Herman M. Vedder.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev, Theo. S. Brown,	Rev. John Steele,
John B. Drury,	Edward A. Collier.
Isaac S. Schenck,	Isaac S. Schenck.

Elders.	*Elders.*
W. C. Bailey, M.D.,	John N. Packman,
Fred H. Snyder,	Wm. V. S. Beekman,
Abram Kittle,	Henry Vandecar.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. G. A. Mills,	Rev. O. H. Gregory,
E. G. Ackerman,	G. I. Taylor,
C. P. Evans,	J. Paschal Strong.
Elders.	*Elders.*
D. M. Campbell,	D. J. Johnson,
J. H. Viele,	Danl. Hilt,
J. H. Harmon,	A. T. Van Vranken.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. W. I. Hill,	Rev. P. E. Kipp,
S. L. Gamble,	Ira Van Allen,
I. B. Hall,	E. C. Lawrence.
Elders.	*Elders.*
B. J. Romeyn,	J. Van Auken,
James Winne,	I. C. Perry,
Richard Van Vranken,	Oliver Putman.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. N. F. Nickerson,	Rev. William P. Davis,
J. H. Van Doren,	Andrew Parsons,
Robert Doig,	William H. Carr.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Hon. P. S. Danforth,	Josiah Richtmeyer,
James Hays,	Jacob P. Stryker,
Albert Brown,	Charles Couch.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Abram J. Beekman,	Rev. Stephen Searle,
Cor. Van Santvoord,	Sanford H. Cobb,
Wm. G. E. See,	Calvin Case.

Elders.	*Elders.*
John J. Boice,	Peter W. Meyer,
Martin Hendricks,	Francis Pidgeon,
William M. Conyes,	Jno. L. Hutchings.

ARTICLE XIII.

Particularia.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be authorized to print 425 copies of the Minutes.

Resolved, That a Committee on leave of absence be inserted in the list of Standing Committees.

Resolved, That the Annual Report on Necrology be presented at the opening of the afternoon of the second day's session, before the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That each of the churches within the bounds of Synod be requested to take up a collection for the Central Bridge Church.

Resolved, That this Synod record its appreciation of the hearty welcome given this Synod by the Rev. A. F. Todd, and the congregation and consistory of Schoharie; and that we extend our thanks for the tasteful and generous provision made for the pleasure and convenience of the Synod during its sessions. And as well for the delicate hospitality of the homes in which we have found refreshing entertainment.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Mr. Griffis for his suggestive, able and instructive sermon preached before this body.

ARTICLE XIV.

Resumption and close.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called.

The session was closed with singing the long meter doxology and pronouncing the prayer of benediction by the President.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the 1st Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1884, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

EVERT VAN SLYCK, *President.*
AUG. F. TODD, *Adsessor.*

JOHN MARSELLUS }
JOHN F. SHAFER, } *Clerks.*

Copy from original minutes.

SELAH W. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

Selah W. Strong
Stated Clerk

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1863–1883.

1863. J. Minor, 2d Schenectady.
1864. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. J. A. Lansing, D. D., Fonda.
1866 Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston.
1867. John L. McNair, 2d Albany.
1868. Philip Peltz, D. D., Saugerties.
1869. B. Van Zandt, D. D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. John A. De Baun, West Troy (North).
1871. S. J. Rogers, Kinderhook.
1872. R. W. Clark, D. D., Canajoharie.
1873. J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., Cohoes.
1874. Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
1875. Martin L. Berger, Syracuse
1876.. John B. Thompson, D.D., W. Troy(South)
1877. Alex. M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village.
1878. J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. Edw. A. Collier, Chatham Village.
1880. Geo. J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. John B. Drury, Saugerties.
1882. Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. Evert Van Slyke, Schoharie.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."
1872. E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the church."
1873. John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."
1874. T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."
1875. J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."

1876. J. A. De Baun, "The expectations of the church of God."

1877. Charles N. Waldron, "Systematic Beneficence."

1878. C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."

1879. H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidenced faith."

1880. W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ, the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the gospel.

1881. I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength."

1882. Sanford H. Cobb, "The evil, cause and cure, of short pastorates."

1883. William E. Griffis, "The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate."

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD AND CALLING THE ROLL.

The Particular Synod of Albany convened in Regular Session in the First Reformed Church of Kingston, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 6th at 3 o'clock, P. M., and continued in session until 9 o'clock, P. M., of Wednesday, May 7th.

The Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Evert Van Slyke.

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Edwin F. See,*	M. D. Sargent.*

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. E. Van Slyke, D. D.,*
" Jno. M. Reiner.*

From the Classis of Geneva.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. B. B. Staats.
" H. Van Derwart,
" B. Van Zandt, D. D.,*
" Geo. J. Van Neste.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. J. R. Kyle,	Wesley Alter.
" John Minor,	
" Albert Dod Minor,	

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D.,	W. H. Rainey,
" Wm. Veenschoten,	A. H. Parks.

From the Classis of Saratoga,

Rev. Theo. Shafer,*	D. M. Campbell,
" Ira Van Allen,	Andrew Lansing,*
" Selah W. Strong,	G. T. H. Knapp.*
" Geo. A. Mills,	

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. P. E. Kipp,	A. B. Bradt,
" C. P. Ditmars,	Fletcher Onderdonk,*
" B. A. Bartholf,	W. T. L. Sanders,
" Lauren Vanderveer,*	C. E. Kingsbury.*

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Robt. Doig,	John Allen.
" J. Howard Van Doren,*	H. J. Persons.*
" N. F. Nickerson,*	

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Benj. C. Lippincott,	Christopher Fiero.
" Eugene Hill,	Jno. L. Hutchings.
" A. A. Zabriskie,	James E. Van Aken.

ARTICLE II.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

After the opening, Synod spent an hour in devotional service.

Rev. Evert Van Slyke preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day's session, taking his text from Mark, 4 : 28, " First the blade then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

*Excused on second day's session.

The first half hour of the morning session of the second day, was spent in devotional exercises.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the afternoon of the second day's session.

By appointment of the last Synod Rev. Alan D. Campbell preached a sermon upon "The Revised Version of the New Testament."

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Peter E. Kipp was elected President; Rev. B. C. Lippincott, Vice-President; Rev. Robt. Doig and Elder D. M. Campbell, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

READING THE RULES OF ORDER AND THE VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

READING MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read.

ARTICLE VI.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. B. C. Lippincott,
" Geo. A. Mills,
" Ira Van Allen,
Elder John Allen,
" Christopher Fiero.

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. E. Van Slyke,
" B. B. Staats,
" J. H. Van Doren,

Elder M. D. Sargent,
" F. Onderdonk.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. Wm. Veenschoten,
" B. A. Bartholf,
" N. F. Nickerson,

Elder W. H. Rainey,
" John Allen.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. E. A. Collier,
" C. P. Ditmars,
" Theo. Shafer,

Elder G. T. H. Knapp,
" H. J. Persons.

On Accounts.

Rev. H. Van Derwart,
" Edwin F. See,
" Eugene Hill,

Jno. L. Hutchings,
A. B. Bradt,

On Nominations and Religious Exercises.

Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste,
" Selah W. Strong,
" B. Van Zandt,

Elder W. T. L. Sanders,
" D. M. Campbell.

On Necrology.

Rev. J. A. De Baun,
" Alan D. Campbell,

Elder W. H. Rainey,

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. John Minor,
" Geo. A. Mills,
" Robt. Doig,

Elder Andrew Lansing,
" A. H. Parks.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the Particular Synods of Chicago, New York and New Brunswick, and also of the General Synod were received.

Delegates were appointed to the other Synods as in the report of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Treasurer presented his report with vouchers. It was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A communication was received from Rev. C. Van Santvoord, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, containing his report, and tendering his resignation.

His resignation was accepted and on motion the President appointed Rev. John A. De Baun in his place.

A communication was received from Rev. H. N. Cobb, Secretary, accrediting Rev. C. L. Wells, as the Representative of the Board of Foreign Missions and asking a hearing for him.

Synod resolved to hear Rev. Mr. Wells at his convenience Wednesday morning.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes placed in their hands of General Synod and of the Particular

Synods of New York, New Brunswick and Chicago, they find nothing requiring their attention.

Respectfully submitted,
B. C. LIPPINCOTT,
Chairman.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported. their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received the Minutes from all of the Classes.

Your Committee find, from the recorded answers to the constitutional questions, that there is a marked neglect of the constitutional requirement in the matter of expounding the catechism, and of contributing to the "Boards and Funds" of the Church. We recommend the following:

WHEREAS, Expounding of the catechism is a constitutional requirement:

Resolved, That the different Classes be requested to urge this matter upon the attention of the Churches.

WHEREAS, There is such a wide spread neglect of supporting *all the* "*Boards and Funds*" of the Church,

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to urge upon the Churches that they consider the needs of *all* the channels of christian work devised and fostered by the Reformed Church; and view it as a *christian duty*, as well as a matter of church loyalty, to aid such causes.

Your committee find there has been brought before the various Classes, a communication calling their attention to the action of General Synod, found on page 302, resolution No. 2, of the Minutes of General Synod of 1883.

The Classes are divided in their opinions in the matter.

The Minutes of some of the Classes make no mention of the subject.

Albany, recommends that no action be taken.

Rensselaer, deprecates the re-opening of the question.

Greene and Montgomery respectfully petition General Synod to repeal said action.

While Geneva is "of the opinion that these resolutions were unconstitutionally adopted;" and therefore requests General Synod to send down the resolutions a question to the Classes for their action thereupon.

Your Committee do not feel inclined to recommend any action upon this matter, in as much as the petitions have been or will be sent directly to the stated clerk of General Synod.

We further find that the minutes are generally, well kept; and we find nothing further that requires the attention of Synod.

Signed by the Committee,

E. Van Slyke,
B. B. Staats,
J. Howard Van Doren.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial business beg leave to report that nothing has been referred to your Committee requiring the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Collier,
Chairman.

The Committee on Accounts reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee has examined the report of the Treasurer of the Particular Synod of Albany, with its proper vouchers, and find the same correct in every particular. Every Classis within the bounds of this Synod has paid up its dues to date. The financial condition of this Synod is steadily increasing, the balance of this year being larger than that of last.

We submit herewith the Treasurer's report:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

In account with ISAAC FONDEY, Questor.

1883	Dr.			
May 1,	"	To Cash balance in hands Questor		
" 31,	"	To Cash on account to J. Munsell's Sons, printing Minutes,.....	$84	24
1884				
April 2d,	"	To Cash on account Rev. S. W. Strong,		
"	"	Salary,... ..... 50 00		
"	"	Stationery 1 42		
"	"	Classical blanks,.. 1 75		
"	"	Express and post-age, ... 2 29	55	46
		Balance to new account,...	96	26
			$235	96

1883	Cr.			
May 1,	"	By Cash balance in hands Questor,	$89	96
"	"	By Cash annual dues from Classis of Saratoga, May, 1884,.....	14	00
" 17,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Schenectady,.....	14	00
" 18,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Geneva,.....	9	00
" 30,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Greene,.....	12	00
June 26,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Rensselaer,.....	18	00
Oct. 11,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Ulster,.....	18	00
" 23,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Albany,.....	24	00
Nov. 5,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Cayuga,.....	9	00
" 8,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Schoharie, ...	8	00
" 21,	"	By Cash annual dues Classis of Montgomery,.....	20	00
			$235	96
1884				
May 1,	"	By Cash balance in hands of Questor,.....	$96	26

To the President of Particular Synod of Albany:

SIR: Herewith please find statement of account of receipts and disbursements (with vouchers), for the fiscal year ending this day. *All* Synodical dues have been paid to date.

Respectfully Yours,
ISAAC FONDEY,
Questor.
57 Colonie St., Albany, N. Y.

Albany, May 1st, 1884.

Your Committee would submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Stated Clerk of this Synod has asked for an average annual grant to cover his incidental expenses for postage, blanks, express and stationery, etc., instead of compelling him to keep a separate and minute account of every item and trifle. Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Synod accede to his request and grant him an annual allowance of $6.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. VAN DERWART,
E. F. SEE,
E. HILL,
J. L. HUTCHINGS,
A. B. BRADT.

The Committee on Nominations and Religious Exercises reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations and Devotional Exercises would submit the following:

For the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The President of Synod, to preside and read the form; to give the bread, Rev. George A. Mills; to give the cup, Rev. J. Howard Van Doren; to offer a closing prayer, Rev. John Minor; to distribute the bread, Elders Christopher Ficro, and H. J. Persons; to distribute the wine, Elders Charles E. Kingsbury, and G. T. H. Knapp.

Believing that the continuance of correspondence with our Sister Synods, either in person or by letter, tends to maintain a friendly interest in different parts of our Church, your Committee recommend the appointment of the following delegates, viz:

To Particular Synod of New York, Rev. B. C. Lippincott;

To Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Rev. B. B. Staats;

To Particular Synod of Chicago, Rev. F. V. Van Franken.

Special sermon for the evening of the second day of the next Synod: Subject; "The old and the true of

'the new theology,' so called": Preacher; Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D. D., *Primarius*, Rev. Wm. A. Shaw, *Secundus*.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. VAN NESTE,
Chairman.
SELAH W. STRONG,
B. VAN ZANDT,
W. T. L. SANDERS,
D. M. CAMPBELL.
Committee.

The Committee on Necrology, presented the following report:

The Committee on Necrology would respectfully present their annual report for the year ending May, 1884.

The *Rev. Jacob S. Wyckoff* died at Woodhaven, L. I., on the 30th of July, 1883, in the forty-ninth year of his age.

Having prepared for college at Erasmus Hall, L. I., he entered Rutgers College from which he graduated in 1853. After graduation, he at once commenced his studies for the ministry in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and after completing the prescribed course of three years, he was duly licensed to preach the gospel by the South Classis of L. I., in 1856. The same year he was called to the pastorate of the Reformed Church of Colt's Neck, N. J., in which position he remained for a period of nine years, performing his duties with great fidelity, commending himself to the people of his charge, by his earnest presentation of the gospel message, his untiring labors for the highest welfare of all who came within the range of his influence, and by his warm sympathies with all who needed the soothing, encouraging word or the helping hand.

In 1865 he assumed pastoral charge of the South Reformed Church of West Troy, in which position he remained for five years, when failing health required him to relinquish the pastoral work altogether.

His ministry at this latter place was marked by the same qualities that had rendered him so acceptable

and efficient in his first charge, and it was a source of sincere regret to his people that they found it necessary to sunder the ties which had united to them a pastor so esteemed. In 1870 Mr. Wyckoff returned to Long Island making his home at Woodhaven for the residue of his life. Though not able to resume regular pastoral work, he was ready to render such services as his strength permitted, and was never backward in aiding such brethren as sought a supply for their pulpit, finding delight in preaching the gospel, and in beseeching men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God. For a year before his death it was apparent that his end was approaching, and the prospect was surveyed by him with the calmness and serenity of one who knew "whom he had believed" and was resting with unwavering confidence on the promises of the covenant. He had long committed his way to the Lord, whose word he had rejoiced to proclaim, and in whose wisdom to direct and mercy to support and comfort, he had abiding trust. His end was peace, and the record he has left for earnest and useful work in the cause of the Master so long as he was permitted to work, for amiable Christian virtues and charities, for steadfastness in the faith of the gospel and in the practice of its duties, will be a pleasant memory not only to the friends who best knew his worth, but to the church of which he was an honored servant in the Lord.

C. VAN SANTVOORD,
Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Report reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion have examined the reports of all the Classes within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany and find abundant reason to thank God and to take courage.

The report of the Classis of Albany is cheering throughout with the exception of one church which still indulges in negatives and hopes to be able to send a better report next year. The chief reason of

complaint among them is the great number of pastorless churches.

The Classis of Cayuga, reports prosperity in an unusual degree. A new church has been organized at Point Rock, and a church edifice built and full provision has been made for the payment of the same.

The Classis of Geneva, reports reasons for encouragement in all the churches. Additions have been numerous and the public services in several of the churches are said to be attended by crowded audiences.

The Classis of Greene, reports a slight diminution in some of its statistical tables. The committee urge specially the duty of having the benevolent work of the churches pass more generally into the channels of the denomination.

First Athens speaks of the presence of God's kingdom in their midst more in the nature of leaven than of dynamite.

Second Athens is awakening from a long sleep. First Coxsackie is much encouraged.

The report of Second Coxsackie glows with spiritual fervor.

Kiskatom celebrated its jubilee anniversary with great interest. Leeds is hoping for a settled pastor.

The Classis of Montgomery, reports forty-two accessions on confession at Hageman's Mills, and all the other churches have done their work with more than usual success. They specially speak of the financial condition of the churches, only two churches report any indebtedness whatever.

The Classis of Rensselaer, reports favorably in every branch of church work. Additions from the world have been forty-two more this year than last year. Benevolent contributions have increased $450.00. No great revivals are reported. Still Blooming Grove, Greenbush, 1st Ghent and Schodack report a special degree of spiritual success.

The report of the *Classis of Saratoga* reads like a Hymn of Praise. " We have made improvements in

every respect over our report of last year. Larger number of additions, more liberal contributions to the Board and a settled pastor over every one of the Churches," these are the words of Committee on the State of Religion.

The North Reformed Church, West Troy, among other good things reports 17 additions.

The South Reformed Church reports 27 additions.

The Church of Saratoga reports 53 additions.

Union Village reports additions, and the settlement of a new pastor.

Wynantskill reports a pastor recently installed and eight added to its membership.

Fort Miller received twelve into communion.

Cohoes rejoices in a special work of grace lately begun.

The Classis of Schenectady reports growth all along the line. Last year's report of this Classis was a remarkable one in its history, for the large accessions to some of its churches. The past year is not characterized by this so much as by the nourishing of the new life then begun.

The brethren in the *Classis of Schoharie* report much reason for encouragement. Gallupville stands out among the churches of Classis as having passed from under the clouds which hung over them for several years. A blessed revival of religion during the past winter, added more to the membership of the Church, than had been received during fifteen years of its history previous.

The report of the *Classes of Ulster* is in keeping with the other Classes, no special revival of religion but a steady strengthening of the things that be.

The statistical tables present the following interesting facts:

The number of families have increased thirty-seven. The whole number received on confession is 803, or an increase of 94 over last year, those received on certificate are 412, an increase of 36. The whole number

dismissed is 335 a decrease of 4. Suspensions have been 11, or 4 less that last year. Deaths 339, an increase of 41.

The total number in communion now is 19,871, an increase of 50. The contributions for benevolent purposes were $32,494 an increase of $3,127. The Classis of Cayuga doubled its benevolent contributions. The sum raised for congregational purposes is $230,382 which is an increase of $4,124.

In view of the foregoing are we not reminded that the needs of man are ever the same, and that the old Gospel is the supreme remedy for sin. Let us enter upon the new ecclesiastical year with deeper convictions of the truth, greater love for souls and with the assured hope that the Lord of Hosts has an abundant reward in store for us all, if we are faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. VEENSCHOTEN,
B. A. BARTHOLF,
N. F. NICKERSON,
W. H. RAINEY,
J. F. ALLEN,
Committee.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Received.

Rev. Andrew M. Arcularius, from the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Edwin F. See, Licentiate from the Classis of Westchester.

Installed.

Rev. Andrew M. Arcularius, over the church of New Baltimore, May 15th, 1883.

Rev. Edwin F. See, over the 3d church of Albany, June 26th, 1883.

Rev. J. Henry Enders, from the Classis of Cayuga, April 16th, 1884.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Between Rev. W. J. Skillman and the church of 1st Bethlehem.

Dismissed.

Rev. Wm. J. Skillman, to Presbytery of Dakota, ept. 18, 1884.
Rev. J. B. Campbell, to Presbytery of Albany, ov., 1884.
Rev. George M. D. Slocum, to Congregational Asciation of Iowa, April 16, 1884.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

ceived.

Rev. E. C. Lawrence, from the Classis of Schenecly.

stalled.

Rev. John M. Reiner, over the church of Point ck, September 27th, 1883.

storal relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Chas. Anderson and the church of asco Outlet.
Between Rev. R. H. Barr, and the church of asco.

smissed.

Rev. James M. Compton, to Classis of Kingston.
Rev. Chas. Anderson, to Presbytery of Cayuga.
Rev. R. H. Barr, to North Classis of Long Island.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Received.

Rev. W. G. Baas, from the Classis of New Brunswick, N. J., has been ordained as missionary of the Classis to work in the fields of Sodus, Ontario, and Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. H. P. McAdam, and the church of Lodi, N. Y.

Between Rev. S. T. Cole, and the church of Tyre, N. Y.

Dismissed.

Rev. H. P. McAdam, to the Presbytery of Utica.
Rev. S. T. Cole, to the Classis of Ulster

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Received.

Rev. S. W. Roe, from the Classis of Raritan.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Between Rev. Cornelius P. Ditmars, and the church of Leeds, Oct. 12, 1883.

Dismissed.

Rev. Cornelius P. Ditmars, to Classis of Schenectady, Oct. 12, 1883.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Received.

Licentiate Francis Stoddard Haines, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, Apr. 15, 1884.

Ordained and Installed.

Licentiate Francis Stoddard Haines, over the church of Canajoharie, May 5, 1884.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. R. R. Williams, and the church of Canajoharie, Sept. 18, 1883.

Between Rev. P. A. Wessels, and the church of Columbia, Sept. 18, 1883.

Between Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D., and the church of Fort Plain, Oct. 23, 1883.

Between Rev. John Minor, and the church of Mapletown, Apr. 15, 1884.

Dismissed.

Rev. F. M. Kip, Jr., to Classis of Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1883.

Rev. Peter A. Wessels, to Classis of Westchester.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Received.

Rev. J. H. Bertholf, from the Classis of New York, Aug. 15, 1883.

Installed.

Rev. J. H. Bertholf, over the church of Nassau, Aug. 15th, 1883.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Between Rev. W. H. McGiffert, and the church of Bloomingrove, Nov. 20, 1883.

Dismissed.

Rev. W. H. Van Doren, to Classis of Ulster, Oct. 20, 1883.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Received.

Rev. Ira Van Allen, from the Classis of Schenectady, October 18, 1883.

Rev. Theodore Shafer, from the Classis of Newark, Feb. 14, 1884.

Installed.

Rev. Ira Van Allen over the church of Wynantskill, October 18, 1883.

Rev. Theodore Shafer over the church of Union Village, Mar. 6, 1884.

Dismissed.

Rev. B. Fay Mills to Presbytery of Champlain, Jan. 28, 1884.

Rev. John G. Smart, to Presbytery of Jersey City, March 19, 1884.

Died.

Rev. Jacob S. Wyckoff, July 30, 1883.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Received.

Rev. C. P. Ditmars from the Classis of G
October 16, 1883.

Ordained Rev. Lauren Van Derveer, Octol
1883.

Rev. E. A. McCullom from Presbytery of Ha
October 16, 1883.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren, from Classis of Sarat

Installed.

Rev. C. P. Ditmars over the church of Niska
November 8, 1883.

Rev. Lauren Van Derveer, over church of 2
terdam, October 11, 1883.

Rev. E. A. McCullom, over church of Lisha'
November 8, 1883.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren, over church of 2d Gle
May 22, 1883.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Between Rev. Ira Van Allen and the church
Rotterdam, May 22, 1883.

Dismissed.

Rev. Ira Van Allen to Classis of Sar
September 18, 1883.

Rev. E. C. Lawrence, to Classis of C
September 18, 1883.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Edward Miller and the chu
North Blenheim.

Between William P. Davis and the chu
Lawyersville, to take effect May 1st, 1884.

Classis of Ulster.

Received.

Rev. William H. Van Doren, from the Classis of Rensselaer, October 23d, 1883.

Rev. Denis Wortman, from the Classis of Montgomery, October 23d, 1883.

The licentiate James F. King, from the Classis of New York, March 4th, 1884.

Rev. A. W. McGibbon, from the U. P. Presbytery of Delaware, March 4th, 1884.

Installed.

Rev. William H. Van Doren, over the church of West Hurley, October 23d, 1883.

Rev. Denis Wortman, D.D., over the church of Saugerties Nov. 13th, 1883.

Rev. James F. King over the church of Roxbury, April 15th, 1884.

Rev. A. W. McGibbon, over the churches of Shokan and Shandaken, April 16th, 1884.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. A. J. Beekman and the churches of Shokan and Shandaken, October 2d, 1883.

Between W. G. E. See and the church of Plattekill, November 19th, 1883.

John F. Hooper, and the church of Blue Mountain, April 15th, 1884.

Dismissed.

Rev. W. G. E. See, to the Classis of Newark, November 19th, 1883.

Rev. John F. Hooper, to the Presbytery of North River, April 15th, 1884.

Rev. Ben. C. Miller, to the Classis of Schoharie, April, 1884.

Rev. William S. More, to the Classis of Westchester, April 15th, 1884.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Albany,	Vacant,	234	1	1	17	...	2	469	..	....	.....	.. ..	1	435	$1,948 95	$5,766 23	Albany, N. Y.
Madison Avenue,	W. R. Davis,	236	15	32	10	...	8	337	2	5	.....	.. ..	1	461	7.716 41	13,912 76	Albany, N. Y.
Third Albany,	Edwin F. See,	150	19	6	5	...	3	*211	13	6	.....	.....	1	347	205 00	2,059 05	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Albany,	J. F. Neef,	66	12	...	4	..	3	125	13	.	.....	60	1	140	80 00	909 74	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany,	Henry K. Boer,	80	14	3	7	2	5	137	10	..	.. ..	70	1	125	257 22	1,139 71	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem,	Vacant,	119	10	4	1	...	7	229		3	.....	...	4	316	110 00	1,650 00	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem,	J. L. Pearse, S. C.,	90	5	5	1	...	1	200	13	3	60	50	1	100	240 00	1,215 00	Adams' Station, N. Y.
Second Berne,	Vacant,	77	..	....	..	...	3	113	..	....	.. ..	.....	1	101	5 51	132 47	Knox, N. Y.
Knox,	Vacant,	28	....	..	..	....	....	56	....	....	.. ..	.. ..	2	.....	.....	.....	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville,	Vacant,	61	....	1	1	....	5	90	..	..	.....	15	1	100	....	73 32	Clarksville, N. Y.
Coeymans,	H. P. Craig,	100	11	2	2	...	3	169	9	2	.....	133	1	133	211 57	1,452 63	Coeymans, N. Y.
Jerusalem,	Edwin Vedder,	93	1	2	1	....	1	127	.....	....	54	..	1	160	35 04	703 65	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem,	A. G. Lansing,	106	1	1	1	....	2	*193	4	1	.....	164	1	201	111 13	840 00	New Salem, N. Y.
Onesquethaw,	Edwin Vedder,	50	..	....	..	....	..	64	..	....	.....	..	1	50	.....	.....	Jerusalem, N. Y.
Union,	A. C. Millspaugh,	50	....	1	....	....	4	46	4	.	.....	60	1	69	20 00	600 00	Union Church, N. Y.
New Baltimore,	A. M. Arcularius,	72	2	7	2	....	1	188	3	1	.....	.....	1	96	232 00	1,762 27	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo,	Vacant,	50	....	....	....	....	2	84		....	.....	.....	1	60	24 00	251 80	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1662	91	65	52	2	50	2838	71	21	114	552	21	2866	$10,496 83	$32,468 63	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. R. W. [illegible] Island, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Associate Pastor Albany City Mission. *Revised list.

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		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota,	Supplied,‡	40	13	8	3	....	3	79	..	2	.....	.....	1	110	$25 62	$1,400 00	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero,	Supplied,†	20	1	..	..	..	..	33	..	1	.....	.....	1	91	25 00	3,033 00	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango,	C. Otis Thatcher,	83	2	....	..	....	1	118	...	1	.....	.. ..	1	112	181 00	1,650 00	Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumberg,*	Peter Mölling,	35	..	..	....	.	....	89	..	..	..	.. ..	..	.....	.....	.....	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen,*	Peter Mölling,	10	...	....	....	..	..	35	..	..	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	Naumberg, N. Y.
Owasco,	Vacant,	117	1	...	2	.	1	124	1	....	.. ..	.. ..	2	145	20 00	1,400 00	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet,*	Supplied,§	40	..	....	....	....	.	70	..	..	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock,	John M. Reiner,	8	20	..	....	....	..	20	2	....	.....	.....	1	40	....	200 00	West Leyden, N. Y.
Syracuse,	Evert Van Slyke,	170	7	7	4	..	2	298	6	1	.....	275	1	300	1,152 00	5,318 00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles,	E. C. Lawrence,‖	80	4	1	1	....	....	84	4	2	...	.....	1	130	45 00	1,355 00	Alexandria, N. Y.
Christ Church, Utica,	Isaac S. Hartley,	107	3	3	1	.	4	170	3	..	.. ..	.. ..	1	125	1,327 00	40,778 30	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden,	John M. Reiner,	20	..	....	....	....	....	50	2	....	.....	.....	1	15	1,641 00	519 52	West Leyden, N. Y.
Total,	.....	740	51	19	11	..	11	1170	18	7	...	275	11	1143	$2,792 02	$55,683 82	

Other Ministers.—Rev. George Rockwell, 592 E. 140th street, New York; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan.

*Last year's report. ‖ Pastor elect. ‡ Rev. J. W. Whitfield. † Rev. J. A. Strall. § Rev. R. H. Dexter.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Abbe Church,	D. J. De Bey,	60	13	2	....	....	1	119	6	2	129	57	1	129	$180 90	$893 13	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Arcadia,	W. G. Baas,	30	18	48	....	....	1	66	17	....	.....	.....	....	75	7 54	122 18	Newark, Wayne Co.
Cato,	Vacant,	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Cato, Cayuga.
Caroline,	Vacant,	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Slaterville, Thompson.
Clymer,	M. Van Doorn,	84	1	....	....	....	6	185	8	....	.....	50	1	95	77 36	790 96	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk,	Vacant,	15	....	....	....	....	....	20	....	....	.....	.....	1	11	29 00	.....	Dunkirk, Chautauqua.
East Williamson,	J. W. Te Winkle,	104	....	7	12	1	5	253	13	....	273	50	1	120	122 34	1,010 77	E. Williamson, Wayne.
Farmer Village,	W. H. Nasholds,	118	5	8	1	....	4	196	1	3	35	....	1	105	165 20	3,783 40	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co.
Geneva,	Thos. C. Strong, D.D.,	95	1	2	2	....	4	137	1	....	40	30	1	60	75 00	1,125 00	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Lodi,	H. P. McAdam,	145	3	1	3	....	5	213	1	8	83	.....	1	200	362 08	1,966 44	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Marion,	†Matt. Kolyn,	121	14	4	22	....	3	254	17	....	316	55	1	170	97 70	870 00	Marion, Wayne Co.
Mina,	Vacant,	8	....	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	.....	.....	1	20	.....	.....	Mina, Chautauqua Co.
Pultneyville,	P. G. M. Bahler,	65	1	2	2	....	1	98	3	....	50	6	1	87	83 16	632 24	Pultneyville, Wayne.
Rochester,	Peter De Bruyn,	207	12	2	2	....	5	294	27	....	.....	160	1	290	456 69	3,708 84	Rochester, Monroe.
Tyre,	S. T. Cole,	40	4	....	1	....	2	51	....	2	.....	.....	1	89	96 71	596 56	Malcom, Seneca Co.
Total,	....	1082	72	76	45	1	37	1901	94	10	926	408	12	1451	$1,753 68	$15,699 52	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (S. C.), Ithaca, N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer, Colporteur, Am. Tract Soc., 1175 Michigan ave., Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Emeritus pastor, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen, East Williamson Wayne Co., N. Y.

† Revised list.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens,	Herman Van Derwart,	92	9	2	1	...	3	157	6	2	57	.. ..	1	175	$276 09	$3,427 24	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens,	.....	20	...	...	...	...	2	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	150 00	Athens, N. Y.
First Catskill,	John B. Thompson,	250	16	8	10	2	6	443	12	3	218	165	3	280	884 43	3,708 48	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie,	Bergen B. Staats,	100	1	2	3	...	6	205	3	1	41	112	2	184	144 62	1,132 46	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie,	John H. Salisbury,	137	11	..	9	...	5	284	2	5	66	.....	1	200	600 19	2,135 65	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom,	Geo. J. Van Neste,	88	3	7	3	..	1	204	11	3	74	.. ..	3	150	255 86	871 04	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds,	Vacant,	48	4	...	5	....	1	87	3	4	.....	.....	2	67	35 65	920 00	Leeds, N. Y.
Total,	.....	735	44	19	31	2	24	1408	37	18	456	277	12	1056	$2,196 84	$12,344 87	

Other Ministers.—Maurice G. Hansen, New Brunswick, N. J.; Benjamin Van Zandt (stated clerk), Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Rose, Cairo, N. Y.
Candidates.—John Henry Brandow; William Henry Boocock, Henry R. DuBois and Melvin D. Brandow.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville,	J. Campbell Boyd, S.S	44	....	2	..	....	....	42	1	....	.....	.. ..	1	86	$33 00	$298 00	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie,	F. Stoddard Haines,.	166	2	3	....	....	5	192	12	1	.....	.....	2	243	202 01	1,863 61	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia,*	Vacant,	105	...	..	....	....	..	83	....	....	....	.....	2	160	.....	.....	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville,	Vacant,	29	....	..	....	....	2	22	..	....	25	.....	1	25	.....	310 00	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown,	John Minor,	27	....	5	1	....	....	58	....	....	.....	.....	1	40	46 29	7,587 24	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah,	R. M. Stanbrough, S.S.	85	1	....	3	....	3	135	1	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	252 00	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida,	Richard A. Pearse,	72	2	2	2	....	1	125	1	1	.....	.....	1	100	116 00	1,100 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda,	John A. DeBaun,	214	11	14	13	....	7	†133	6	5	.. ..	.....	5	340	797 45	1,900 00	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain,	Vacant,	160	1	4	4		1	192	....	....	....	.....	1	100	367 00	2,390 62	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer,	Vacant,																
Fultonville,	F. V. Van Vranken,	111	7	1	2	....	5	128	1	5	35	100	1	125	284 72	1,700 00	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen,	Sidney O. Lawsing,	83	1	3	....	....	4	87	1	....	.....	80	2	150	117 37	1,120 00	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills,	A. J. Hageman, S. C.,	95	42	2	1	..	4	†144	4	18	45	75	2	185	284 59	957 86	Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.
Henderson,	Daniel Lord,	25	3	....		....	....	23	....	....	.....	.....	1	25	.....	350 00	Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer,	Henry M. Cox,	125	19	5	1	....	1	190	2	6	115	125	1	145	270 15	2,044 90	Herkimer, N. Y.
Indian Castle,*	Vacant,	13	....	....	....	....	....	10									
Manheim,*	Vacant,	40	....	....	....	....	....	65	....	....	.....	.....	1	40	.. ..	.....	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown,	Vacant,	50	....	....	7	....	3	62	....	..	62	.....	1	25	30 00	250 00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk,	James Edmonson,	80	12	....	....	....	....	89	....	12	.....	50	1	100	40 00	1,303 11	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson,	J. R. Kyle,	102	4	9	4	2	5	200	2	1	60	25	1	154	247 00	1,262 73	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville,	Albert Dod Minor,	125	1	3	1	...	6	158	4	....	.....	12	1	127	95 58	1,360 33	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Stone Arabia,	Rufus M. Stanbrough,	47	5	....	2	....	2	75	3	3	.....	.....	1	25	13 16	894 54	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Spraker's Basin,	John Minor, S. S.,	95	1	....	....	....	....	31	....	....	.. ..	.....	1	44	12 19	165 25	Spraker's Basin, N. Y.
Total,		1845	112	53	41	2	49	2544	38	52	342	467	28	2239	$2,956 51	$27,110 21	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.; R. R. Williams, New York City.

* Last year's report.

† Revised list.

COUNTY OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
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Blooming Grove,	Vacant,	*55	12		1	...	..	95	...	....	.....	88	1	88	$67 96	$1,270 22	Defreestville, N. Y.
Castleton,	Alan D. Campbell,	110	12	9	4	...	1	188	2	5	50	.. ..	1	140	47 56	1 856 09	Castleton, N. Y.
Chatham,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	115	5	5	6	...	4	165	2	3	50	50	1	216	425 69	1,700 00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent,	John B. Drury,	80	9	1	3		2	123	1	2	40	30	1	109	210 00	1,200 00	Ghent, N. Y.
Second Ghent,	Isaac S. Schenck,	73	1		2	...	2	106	2		.....	40	1	80	64 00	1,423 00	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush,	John Steele,	129	25	1	4	....	3	320	5	12	80	.....	1	125	293 12	1,879 97	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook,	E. A. Collier, S.C.,	*165	12	5	3	..	10	307	5	4	130	80	1	152	1,783 84	3,238 71	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau,	J. Henry Berthoff,	144	4	6	2	..	6	269	...	..	... ..	107	1	142	305 :9	2,083 63	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	30	4	...	...	...	1	40	....		10	.....	1	36	7 00	400 00	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack,	William Voenschoten,	80	15	9	4	..	..	142	1	10	156	40	3	140	179 33	1,340 10	Muitzeskill, N. Y.
Schodack Landing,	H. A. Hendrickson,	95	7	1	5	.	1	174	3	5	116	90	1	157	302 55	1.345 65	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Novius,	70	7	...	6	...	2	78	1	3	42	.....	1	119	296 87	778 21	Stuyvesant, N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls,	Vacant,	28	...	..	...	....	...	70	..	..	.....	.. ..	1	50	.....	500 00	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1165	113	37	40	...	32	2077	22	44	674	525	15	1523	$3,983 31	$18,883 48	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired*. Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, Fargo, Dakota, *suspended*. Rev. W. H. McGiffert, Kingston, N. Y.

* Revised.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
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Boght,	Geo. I. Taylor,	24	2	...	...	..	3	35	1	...	.....	.....	1	53	$35 82	$471 31	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Buskirks,	James L. Southard,	41	1	..	4	...	1	62	1	1	7	.....	1	71	75 00	605 00	Buskirks, Wash. Co.
Cohoes,	J. Paschal Strong,	230	13	8	5	...	4	405	26	5	.....	.. ..	1	.....	325 00	5,000 00	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Easton,	A. G. Cochran, S.S.,	20	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	10 00	125 00	Easton, Wash. Co.
Fort Miller,	J. W. Chapman, S.S.,	41	8	2	....	....	1	71	...	3	.. ..	.....	1	55	102 00	361 89	Fort Miller, Wash. Co.
Gansevoort,	Geo. A. Mills, S.S.,	30	4	1	....	....	..	24	...	2	.. ..	.....	1	63	39 01	321 50	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland,	Geo. A. Mills,	60	2	1	2	....	3	90	3	2	.....	.....	1	75	112 50	1,020 05	Northumberland, N.Y.
Rensselaer,	Geo. I. Taylor,	12	..	..	1	....	..	10	....	....	.....	.....	1	35	... .	300 00	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Saratoga,	J. W. Chapman,	114	30	23	1	.	4	210	10	21	.....	30	1	215	112 30	2,430 25	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke,	Edw. G. Ackerman,	44	..	...	1	....	1	66	2	...	36	.....	1	65	26 00	772 98	Reynolds, Rens. Co.
Union Village,	Theodore Shafer,	65	4	1	1	....	...	170	3	4	.....	...	1	63	59 75	1,615 71	Greenwich, Wash. Co.
West Troy,	John G. Lansing,	168	11	6	5	...		288	5	3	.....	... ..	1	280	457 41	3,369 00	West Troy, Albany Co.
West Troy (South C.),	Selah W Strong, S.C.,	175	15	12	1	1	3	260	13	3	150	330	1	355	851 86	2,948 60	West Troy, Albany Co.
Wynantskill,	Ira Van Allen,	182	8	...	2	....	...	105	....	5	.....	.....	1	110	.....	1,500 00	Wynantskill, Rens. Co.
Total,	.....	1026	98	54	23	1	20	1717	64	49	193	360	13	1440	$2,206 65	$30,841 29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, D.D., West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y ; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich. † Last years report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
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First Schenectady,	William E. Griffis,	250	8	8	8	....	5	360	12	....	100	300	3	650	$831 92	$5,190 83	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady,	Peter E. Kipp,	155	11	7	7	...	4	280	12	6	.....	.....	1	205	192 78	1,925 00	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville,	William J. Hill,	155	20	..	4	....	6	288	5	12	.....	.....	3	200	273 68	1,275 62	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville,	D. K. Van Doren,	80	....	....	..	....	3	161	1	..	.....	175	3	175	38 09	1,758 97	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam,	John C. Lowe,	64	2		2	...	1	120	3	..	.....	.....	2	....	111 84	700 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam,	Lauren Van Derveer,	50	7	1		1	..	77	1	3	59	19	1	114	16 04	672 36	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg,	S. L. Gamble (S.C.),	*215	5	3	3	....	4	*467	4	1	47	.....	4	317	213 27	1,623 80	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna,	C. P. Ditmars,	*120	11	6	3	...	3	212	2	5	106	100	3	200	228 85	961 28	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill,	Edward A. McCullum,	90	3	3	..	....	4	143	1	...	55	120	3	210	89 75	1,633 00	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity,	Benj. A. Bartholf,	85	12	...	1	...	5	130	2	5	.....	70	1	150	99 68	1,047 50	Vischer's Ferry, N. Y
Princetown,	J. Kelly Rhinehart,	85	17	....	5	....	4	243	5	9	65	75	1	145	159 55	1,131 75	Gifford, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1349	96	28	33	1	39	2491	48	41	432	859	25	2366	$2,255 45	$17,920 11	

Other Ministers.—Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Beaverdam,...	Robert Dolg,	60	1	..	2	...	2	117	...	..	24	40	1	120	$22 23	$490 00	Berne, N. Y.
Berne,	Robert Dolg, S.C.,	64	1	6	1	...	2	134	4	...	34	20	1	60	114 48	660 00	Berne, N. Y.
Breakabeen,	Edward Miller,	35	1	....	....	..	2	66	...	..	.....	18	1	80	3 58	200 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Central Bridge,	Wm. D. Buckelew,	20	...	4	..	..	..	16	..	..	.....	.....	1	30	3 35	50 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Gallupville,	J. Howard VanDoren,	50	37	4	13	...	2	101	1	21	15	30	1	80	58 50	842 50	Gallupville, N. Y.
Gilboa,	B. C. Miller,	†70	4	....	....	..	..	125	....	....	.....	.....	1	140	30 00	700 00	Gilboa, N. Y.
Lawyersville,	William P. Davis,	50	1	..	2	..	2	56	..	..	.....	14	1	40	24 00	500 00	Lawyersville, N. Y.
Middleburgh,	Elbert N. Sobring,	90	8	3	...	1	8	139	3	2	.....	.....	1	140	110 00	1,176 55	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Moresville,	Vacant,†	....	...	....	..	...	..	....	..	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Moresville, N. Y.
North Blenheim,	Edward Miller,	35	1	....	....	...	5	41	..	..	.....	10	1	40	10 30	185 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Prattsville,	Norman F. Nickerson,	72	2	3	2	..	2	99	1	2	.....	80	1	80	14 36	929 67	Prattsville, N. Y.
Schoharie,	Augustus F. Todd,	65	17	..	1	....	4	126	....	13	.....	.....	1	94	90 06	1,179 10	Schoharie, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain,	Wm. D. Buckelew,	50	2	2	3	..	..	91	4	1	.....	16	1	80	13 46	500 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Sharon,	Andrew Parsons,	50	3	1	4	....	3	120	4	3	.....	.....	1	109	83 50	816 50	Sharon Centre, N. Y.
South Gilboa,	Vacant,*	17	...	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	100 00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
Total,		728	78	23	28	1	32	1231	17	42	63	178	13	1093	$577 82	$8,329 32	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health Rev. Thomas L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm. Rev. William H. Carr, 65 Myrtle Ave., Albany, N. Y.

† Supplied by Rev. B. C. Miller. * Supplied by Rev. J. F. Richards, of the Presbyterian church, of Stamford, N. Y. † Last years report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blue Mountain,	Vacant,	120	...	5	1	...	4	253	6	..	....	40	2	170	$35 00	$995 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Cantsban,	Stephen Searle,	75	7	...	5	...	6	118	4	1	121	...	1	79	497 17	1,024 22	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus,	Eugene Hill,	103	6	4	...	..	3	107	9	1	.....	80	2	160	62 50	784 85	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush,	A. A. Zabriskie,	100	3	3	5	1	2	*180	3	5	.....	.....	5	340	170 01	1,281 00	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston,	J. G. Van Slyke,	247	13	7	2	...	9	478	21	4	.....	.....	1	300	980 00	9,000 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Port Ewen,	B. C. Lippincott,	90	4	2	...	...	2	154	2	1	.....	.. ..	1	186	192 66	1,718 52	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill,	Vacant,	137	3	3	10	..	6	245	7	...	.....	.....	3	188	117 64	860 89	Glasco, N. Y.
Roxbury,	James P. King,	73	...	...	...	...	...	99	...	...	.....	.....	1	60	.....	.....	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties,	Denis Wortman,	195	3	11	2	...	4	298	...	...	175	125	1	205	1,070 00	2,905 65	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken, ‡	A. W. McGibbon,	44	...	...	...	...	...	69	..	..	.....	.. ..	1	54	.....	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan, ‡	A. W. McGibbon,	68	...	...	...	...	...	132	...	..	.....	.....	1	60	.....	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville, ‡	W. H. Van Doren,	20	..	..	...	...	...	41	..	...	... ...	.....	2	70	.....	.....	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley,	W. H. Van Doren,	70	2	1	2	...	6	111	5	...	.....	100	2	80	8 75	1,180 71	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock,	Wm. A. Wurts,	63	4	2	2	...	1	125	1	2	60	40	2	115	22 03	722 00	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck,	Wm. A. Shaw, S.S.,	40	3	...	2	...	2	84	2	...	27	.....	1	175	119 72	628 75	Kingston, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1451	48	38	31	1	45	2494	60	14	383	385	26	2242	$3,275 48	$21,101 59	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Broadhead, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Meyers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson; Rev. N. F. Chapman, West Camp, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Voorhis, S. C. Port Ewen, N. Y.

‡ Last years report. * Revised list.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Classes.	Census.			Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Albany,	17	16	1662	91	65	52	2	50	2838	71	21	114	552	21	2886	$10,496 83	$32,468 63	Rev. J. L. Pearse.
Cayuga,	12	12	740	51	19	11	..	11	1170	18	7	.....	275	11	1143	2,792 02	55,683 82	Rev. C. O. Thatcher.
Geneva,	15	16	1082	72	76	45	1	37	1901	94	10	926	408	12	1451	1,753 68	15,699 52	Rev. Jno. Whitbeck.
Greene,	7	8	735	44	19	31	2	24	1408	37	18	456	277	12	1056	2,196 84	12,344 87	Rev. B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery,	23	17	1845	112	53	41	2	49	2544	38	52	342	467	28	2239	2,956 51	27,110 21	Rev. A. J. Hagaman.
Rensselaer,	13	14	1165	113	37	40	....	32	2077	22	44	674	525	15	1523	3,983 31	18,883 48	Rev. Edw'd A. Collier.
Saratoga,	14	14	1026	98	54	23	1	20	1717	64	49	193	360	13	1440	2,206 65	20,841 29	Rev. Selah W. Strong.
Schenectady,	11	13	1349	96	28	33	1	39	2491	48	41	432	859	25	2366	2,255 45	17,920 11	Rev. S. L. Gamble.
Schoharie,	15	13	728	78	23	28	1	32	1231	17	42	63	178	13	1093	577 82	8,329 32	Rev. Robert Doig.
Ulster,	15	19	1451	48	38	31	1	45	2494	60	14	383	385	26	2242	3,275 48	21,101 59	Rev. J. N. Voorhis.
Total,	142	142	11783	803	412	335	11	339	19871	469	298	3583	4286	176	17439	$32,494 59	$230,382 84	

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH VISITATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

Rev. C. L. Wells, accredited commissioner from the Board of Foreign Missions, spoke to the Synod in behalf of the interests of that Board.

A special committee consisting of Revs. E. A. Collier, J. H. Van Doren, Geo. J. Van Neste, and Elders W. H. Rainey and W. T. L. Sanders was appointed to present suitable action.

This Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of the sense of this Synod with reference to the address of Dr. Wells in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

The necessities of our work of Foreign Missions, including the extinguishment of the debt, will require not less than $90,000. This demands an average contribution of about $1.12 per communicant, throughout the whole church.

We find that the average of contributions for Foreign Missions in this Synod, as per last annual report, was about 33 cents per member. This is surely no adequate representation of the ability of our churches; nor yet, we believe, of their willingness to give, if effort is made to impart information as to the urgency of the work and the responsibility and privilege of all in connection therewith; and to adopt

some system for securing the regular contributio
of all.

In view of these facts we present the followi
resolutions :

Resolved. That we have listened with profou
interest to the statements of the Rev. Dr. Wells
relation to our foreign missionary work, and that w
rejoice in and give thanks to God for its notable su
cesses, and deplore that anything should hinder i
most vigorous prosecution.

Resolved. That we regard it as imperative that the
should be an immediate and large increase in the co
tributions of this Synod, to the amount of at lea
double those of last year.

Resolved. That as important aids thereto we recom
mend, with urgency, the revival of the month
concert for prayer for Missions, where not alread
observed, and the adoption of some efficient syste
for securing regular and more frequent contribution
than which, in our judgment, no system has bee
more uniformly successful than monthly collection.

Resolved. That we recognise the utter futility
these and all other Synodical resolutions, unless th
Ministers and Elders who adopt them, and those wh
in our several Classes approve them, shall hold them
selves under most sacred obligation to the grea
Head of the Church to give them effect.

Resolved. That while urging this advance, we
heartily commend the interests of our Domestic
Mission Work, and of all the Boards and Funds of
the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
GEO. J. VAN NESTE,
J. H. VAN DOREN,
W. H. RAINEY,
W. T. L. SANDERS.

ARTICLE XII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Abram G. Lansing,	Rev. Alex. C. Millspaugh,
Edwin Vedder,	And. M. Arcularius,
Horace P. Craig,	Henry K. Boer,
Elders.	*Elders.*
William H. Derouville,	J. Van Der Hyden Bradt,
H. H. Van Derzee,	Isaac Van Allen,
A. S. Van Derzee,	B. T. E. Bronk.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. I. S. Hartley, D.D.,	Rev. E. Van Slyke, D.D.,
P. Möling,	J.. M. Reiner,
E. C. Lawrence,	C. O. Thatcher.
Elders.	*Elders.*
M. M. Bagg,	E. F. Lawton,
S. Bonta,	F. Schoffer,
E. W. Williamson,	N. Reinmiller.

Classis of Geneva.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. D. Z. De Bey,	Rev. Matt. Kolyn,
M. Van Doren,	P. G. M. Bahler,
J. W. Te Winkle,	Thomas C. Strong.

Elders.	*Elders.*
John De Gelleke,	M. Loomis,
John Van Doren,	J. Van Olde,
E. Z. Schoonmaker,	J. Catue.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. G. J. Van Neste,	Rev. B. B. Staats,
J. H. Salisbury,	H. Van Derwart,
B. Van Zandt, D.D.,	M. G. Hansen.
Elders.	*Elders.*
I. A. Cook,	James Elting,
M. G. Van Slyke,	Barnet Palmatier,
Wm. L. King,	C. I. Collier.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. A. DeBaun,	Rev. S. O. Lawsing,
J. R. Kyle,	F. V. Van Vranken,
James Edmonson,	R. A. Pearse,
Daniel Lord,	A. D. Minor.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Stephen Wemple,	Joseph Noxon,
P. W. Putman,	Jacob Dievendorf,
L. L. Dean,	P. S. Wiers,
J. A. Rasbach,	James Bellinger.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. John Steele,	Rev. H. A. Hendrickson.
Edward A. Collier,	Elbert Nevius,
Wm. Veenschoten,	Alan D. Campbell.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Geo. W. Brockway,	Horton Harder,
Wm. H. Rainey,	John T. Ham,
A. H. Parks,	Geo. Van Voorhis.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Selah W. Strong,	Rev. J. L. Southard,
Jno. G. Lansing,	G. I. Taylor,
J. Paschal Strong,	O. H. Gregory, D.D.
Elders.	*Elders.*
J. H. Harmon,	Dr. A. T. Van Vranken,
Jno. Kennedy,	D. M. Campbell,
J. H. De Ridder,	G. T. H. Knapp.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. W. E. Griffis,	Rev. D. B. Hall,
J. K. Rhinehart,	J. C. Lowe,
D. K. Van Doren,	B. A. Bartholf.
Elders.	*Elders.*
A. J. Lansing,	W. T. L. Sanders,
I. H. Van Auken,	C. E. Kingsbury,
Tunis C. Pearse,	James Winnie.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Augustus F. Todd,	Rev. Wm. D. Buckelew,
Elbert N. Sebring,	Edward Miller,
Andrew Parsons,	N. F. Nickerson,
Elders.	*Elders.*
David E. Case,	Seneca Zimmer,
Hon. Peter S. Danforth,	W. E. Bassler,
John Hyney,	John C. Kniskern.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Stephen Searle,	Nathan F. Chapman,
Calvin Case,	Ben. C. Lippincott,
John G. Van Slyke,	Albert A. Zabriskie.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Christopher Fiero,	Peter H. Freligh,
John I. Boice,	John L. Hutchings,
Tunis P. Osterhout,	David Griffin.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

Resolved. That the stated clerk be authorized to print 425 copies of the Minutes.

Resolved. That this Synod comply with the recommendation of the Gen. Synod of 1883, (Min. p. 307), with reference to the names of officers of Synod, and that the adsessor be known as the Vice-President; the Questor as Treasurer, and that the Committee on the Questorate be known as the Committee on Accounts.

An invitation was received from the Young Men's Christian Association to visit their rooms. Synod accepted the invitation with thanks and visited the rooms on Wednesday afternoon.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Synod are extended to the Rev. Alan D. Campbell for his scholarly and instructive essay.

Resolved. That the hearty thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Pastor, consistory and families of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Kingston for their kindly and generous hospitality in welcoming us to their beautiful house of worship and their homes.

ARTICLE XIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called.

The session was closed with singing, prayer, the doxology and pronouncing the benediction by the President.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church of Fort Plain on the first Tuesday of May, 1885, at 3 o'clock P. M.

P. E. KIPP, *President.*
B. C. LIPPINCOTT, *Vice-President.*

ROBERT DOIG,
DANIEL M. CAMPBELL. } *Clerks.*

Copy from original Minutes.

SELAH W. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1884.

1864. Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. J. A. Lansing, D. D., Fonda.
1866. Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston.
1867. John L. McNair, 2d Albany.
1868. Philip Peltz, D. D., Saugerties.
1869. B. Van Zandt, D. D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. John A. De Baun, West Troy (North).
1871. S. J. Rogers, Kinderhook.
1872. R. W. Clark, D. D., Canajoharie.
1873. J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., Cohoes.
1874. Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
1875. Martin L. Berger, Syracuse
1876. John B. Thompson, D.D., W.Troy(South)
1877. Alex. M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village.
1878. J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. Edw. A. Collier, Chatham Village.
1880. Geo. J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. John B. Drury, Saugerties.
1882. Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. Evert Van Slyke, Schoharie.
1884. Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."
1872. E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the church."
1873. John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."
1874. T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."
1875. J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."
1876. J. A. De Baun, "The expectations of the church of God."

1877. Charles N. Waldron, "Systematic Beneficence."

1878. C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."

1879. H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidenced faith."

1880. W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the gospel."

1881. I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength."

1882. Sanford H. Cobb, "The evil, cause and cure of short pastorates."

1883. William E. Griffis, "The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate."

1884. Alan D. Campbell, "The Revised Version of the New Testament."

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD AND CALLING THE ROLL.

The Particular Synod of Albany convened in Regular Session in the Reformed Church at Fort Plain on Tuesday, May 5th, 1885, at 3 o'clock P. M., and continued in session until Wednesday evening.

The Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Peter E. Kipp.

The following members were present:

Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Jacob F. Neef,	Wm. Mausert.
" Alex. C. Millspaugh,	
" Henry P. Craig,	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D.,
" Egbert C. Lawrence.

From the Classis of Geneva.

Rev. Peter De Bruyn*,
" Frederick W. Ruhl.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste,	J. Overbaugh.
" Herman Vanderwart,	
" Benj. Van Zandt, D. D.,	

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Sidney O. Lawsing,	Wm. Shelp,
" Andrew J. Hageman,	Wm. Lutton,
" Henry M. Cox,	J. T. Schuyler,
" Albert D. Minor,	Wm. Witherstein*.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Theodore L. Brown,	A. J. Sherwood.
" John B. Drury, D. D.,	
" Isaac S. Schenck,	

From the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D. D.,	Gerrit L. Schuyler.
" Edw. G. Ackerman,	
" J. Paschal Strong,	
" John W. Beardslee, D. D.,	

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Edward A. McCullom,*	C. E. Kingsbury,
" John K. Rhinehart,	Geo. L. Van Allen,
" N. F. Nickerson,*	C. V. Van Vranken,*
" Wm. E. Griffis, D. D.,	J. H. Van Auken.*

From the Classis of Scoharie.

Rev. Andrew Parsons,*	C. Couch.
" Wm. D. Buckalew,	
" Robert Doig,	

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Wm. A. Wurts,	T. P. Osterhout,
" Wm. A. Shaw,	H. E. Legg.

ARTICLE II.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

After the opening, Synod spent an hour in devotional services under direction of the President.

On the evening of the first day of the session the retiring President, Rev. Peter E. Kipp, preached the Synodical sermon from the Scriptures found in Phil., 3: 17, " Brethren be followers together of me."

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* Excused on second day.

The first half hour of the second day was spent in evotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day the Sacrament f the Lord's Supper was administered, the following ersons taking part:

The President presided and read the form.

Rev. H. Vanderwart offered prayer.

Revs. John B. Drury, D. D., and W. E. Griffis, D.D., istributed the elements, with the assistance of Elders unis J. Osterhout, C. E. Kingsbury, J. T. Schuyler, . H. Van Auken.

On the evening of the second day Rev. Wm. A. haw delivered the special sermon on the subject "The old and the true of the new theology," taking or his text, 2 Tim. 4: 2, "Preach the Word."

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Andrew J. Hageman was elected President; ev. John W. Beardslee was elected Vice-President; ev. Egbert C. Lawrence and Elder George L. Van llen, M. D., were elected Temporary Clerks; Rev. ohn W. Beardslee was chosen Stated Clerk in place f Rev. Selah W. Strong, deceased; C. E. Kingsbury as chosen Treasurer in place of Isaac Fondey, reigned.

ARTICLE IV.

EADING THE RULES OF ORDER AND VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read. The ules of order not being present, the reading was mitted.

ARTICLE V.

READING MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last session were read.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. H. P. Craig,
" P. De Bruyn,
" John K. Rinehart,
Elder J. Overbaugh,
" Gerrit L. Schuyler.

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. H. M. Cox,
" H. Vanderwart,
" Edw. G. Ackerman,
Elder J. L. Schuyler,
" J. H. Van Auken.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. George J. Van Neste,
" John B. Drury,
" N. F. Nickerson,
Elder William Lutton,
" J. P. Osterhout.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley,
" B. Van Zandt,
Albert D. Minor,
Elder C. E. Kingsbury,
" Wm. Witherstein.

On Accounts.

Rev. Theodore S. Brown,
" Wm. A. Shaw,
" S. O. Lawsing,
Elder C. V. VanVranken,
" H. E. Legg.

On Nominations and Religious Exercises.

Rev. Robert Doig,
" Andrew Parsons,
" J. Paschal Strong,
Elder C. Couch,
" Geo. L. Van Allen.

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. Isaac L. Schenck,
" Wm. A. Wurts,
" A. C. Millspaugh,
Elder Wm. Shelp,
" J. Overbaugh.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synod of New York were received.

The following delegates to the other Particular Synods were appointed:

To the Particular Synod of New York, Rev. Ira Van Allen.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago, Rev. P. De Bruyn.

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Rev. Vanderwart.

Rev. B. B. Staats, delegate to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, stated by letter that he had fulfilled his duty by a written communication to that body.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Treasurer's accounts together with his letter of resignation were presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

2. A communication from the Classis of Saratoga was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The following Committees reported and their reports were accepted and adopted.

Special Committee on the death of the late Stated Clerk, Rev. Selah W. Strong.

This Synod would place on record its profound sense of loss and bereavement in the death of Rev. Selah W. Strong, for so long a period its faithful and

efficient Stated Clerk. We would bear testimony to his exceptional abilities, his consecrated piety and his life long devotion to the interests of our denomination. In his death we feel that the Synod and the church have met a loss which will be long felt, and which is so serious as to cause a depression which faith alone in the wisdom and love of the Great Head of the church enables us to surmount. Confiding in him we bow submissively to the mysterious Providence.

JOHN B. DRURY,
Chairman.

Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial business would report.

That there have been referred to them the following communications:

1. A communication from the Classis of Saratoga requesting that "such action may be taken in reference to the West Troy (South) Reformed Church, as their wisdom may suggest, and to send up this same reference to General Synod."

2. A copy of a report presented to the Presbytery of Albany by a Committee appointed by that body.

3. A report of a Committee appointed by the Classis of Saratoga to examine into and report the facts in regard to the standing of the South Reformed Church of West Troy, signed by J. W. Beardslee, Chairman.

The communication from the Classis of Saratoga, states that the South Reformed Church of West Troy through the overtures of Mr. Jas. B. Jermain has resolved to leave the Reformed denomination, though 50 members of said Church remonstrate against such transfer, and that Classis unanimously denied said request, and that notwithstanding this protest on the part of the people (50) and the action of Classis, the Presbytery of Albany took under its care said church, with its building and parsonage, and that on the eleventh of May, 1885, it proposes to constitute the same a Presbyterian church.

From the information in possession of your Committee, the ground for the action of Mr. Jermain and the Presbytery of Albany, seems to be the following:

That the South Reformed Church of West Troy was organized by the Classis of Albany June 18, 1844.

That it was built on lands donated "for the sole purpose of erecting a meeting house or place of public worship."

That by reason of financial embarrassment the Supreme Court in February, 1844, ordered the sale of this property.

That soon after the organization of the church in 1844, the purchaser deeded the same to its former owners, who held and used the same till the Supreme Court again authorized its sale in Sept., 1872. The alleged reasons for granting the privilege of sale were,

1. Unsuitableness of location for a church.

2. That the Society might accept an offer made by Mr. Jas. B. Jermain for a new church in a more central position.

The proposition of Mr. Jermain was that he would agree to build, for the perpetual use of the congregation, a church edifice under certain specified conditions; among these conditions were the following, (1) that the lot must be bought by the congregation and the deed for the same be given to Mr. Jermain; (2) that the congregation "should be under the care of General Synod or of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, as the congregation may at any time hereafter elect." It further appears,

That this proposition was formally accepted by the consistory of the West Troy Church, March 21st, 1872, and by the congregation at a meeting called for the purpose April 11, 1872. At another meeting of the congregation held June 28, 1872, the following action was taken:

"WHEREAS, The consistory of the church, with the consent of the congregation, have agreed with Jas. B. Jermain for the lease for a nominal rent, for the term of 999 years, of a church edifice to be erected by him in the first ward of the village of West Troy—

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this meeting it is expedient and advisable that the present church, site, edifice, parsonage and buildings be sold, and the proceeds applied to the furnishing of said church with all necessary furniture, including the heating and gas fixtures, for the lighting thereof and the repair of said church and parsonage and other buildings, during the term of said lease.

"*Resolved*, That the consistory, as trustees of this church and congregation, be and they are hereby authorized and requested to make the requisite application to the Supreme Court, for an order authorizing the sale of said premises, and for the application of the proceeds to the purpose aforesaid."

In obedience to the above resolution, the property of the church was sold, and the proceeds of the same went into the new building.

In tracing further the history of this church and its relations to Mr. Jermain, it would appear also;

That later, certain lots were purchased by a Committee of the church, the same were sold to Mr. Jermain, and a deed for the property was given to him.

Tabulating therefore the facts as they have come before your Committee, they would appear to be, in brief, as follows:

1. Certain lands were bought and paid for, and a church built on the same by an organization known as the Reformed Church of West Troy.

2. Later, Mr. Jermain promised to build a church under certain specified conditions.

3. Subsequently, these lands and the edifice thereon were sold.

4. Mr. Jermain built on the site thus placed at his disposal a church as promised.

5. Still later, the proceeds of the above sale were applied to the new church property.

6. March 12, 1885 by a vote of 153 to 33, in obedience to a previous stipulation that the congregation

should be under the care of General Synod or of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, as the congregation may at any time hereafter elect, it was decided to connect themselves with the Presbytery of Albany.

7. That the meeting which took the action just stated was called and held pursuant to a notice given of the same from the pulpit, March 8, 1885.

Such is a summary of the facts as gathered from the documents placed in the hands of your Committee.

In view therefore of the same they would say, that they have endeavored to look into this important action of the West Troy Church in the full light of the information given them, and as their action would be viewed and reviewed by authority higher than themselves, and also than this Synod. And in their judgment, the question before them is merely one of property and possession, of rights legal and conferred, and not of sympathy or favor. They feel that they have not to do with errors, or misjudged action, but with the unhappy facts that have been brought to their attention. Since this church conveyed by a constitutional process its property to Mr. Jermain under certain stipulations; and in the legal exercise of the privileges contained in these same stipulations the congregation, by a regular action, decided to connect themselves with the ecclesiastical denomination mentioned in said stipulation, they can see no legal reason why the action of the congregation, in its vote, should not be sustained or that it be not left to its prescribed and conferred privileges of choice and action.

That the congregation greatly erred in so providing that its ecclesiastical relations could be changed at any time, by a vote, legally called, is now no doubt manifest, and at the time of the erection of the church many supposed it would remain in connection with the Reformed church is likewise true; still, as the choice of church relations was ever the privilege of this church, that that choice should be exercised and result in a change of ecclesiastical relations is due and justified by the provision so plainly made for it. The

ights of the minority or of the majority your Co
nittee feel are not within their province to discuss.

As the action of the Synod, your Committee wou
therefore recommend the adoption of the followi
resolutions; and the more so in view of the stipulati
by which the church could, at any time it might el
by a proper vote, change its ecclesiastical relation.

1. That the Synod approve of the action of t
Classis of Saratoga in their efforts to maintain int
the ecclesiastical organization of the South Chur
of West Troy.

2. That the Synod deeply sympathize with t
South Church of West Troy in the desire of some
its members to remain in connection with our R
formed church, and that a Committee be appointed
this Synod to confer with this church in reference
its future purpose.

3. That as all associate or optional connections wi
other ecclesiastical denominations imperil the eccle
astical relations of a church, it is the opinion of th
Synod that, all the churches under its care be d
couraged from forming any such connections.

ISAAC S. HARTLEY,
Chairman

The Committee called for in the second resolu
was as follows: Revs. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D., J
B. Drury, D.D., and the President of Synod.

Committee on Synodical Minutes.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg
to report that of the Minutes of the Particular S
only those of New York have come before the
this nothing is found requiring action. Our ex
tion of the Minutes of the General Synod lead
call attention to the act of Synod in relation
observance of Children's day. See page 504.

HENRY P. CR
Ch

Committee on Treasurer's Account.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find as follows:

Total receipts	$242 26
Total expenditures	131 85
Balance on hand	$110 41

They find satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures, and a check covering the balance in his hands. The Committee recommend the approval of the Treasurer's accounts, and that his resignation be accepted with the thanks of Synod for his services.

THEODORE L. BROWN,
Chairman.

Albany, N. Y., May 1st, 1885.

ISAAC FONDEY, Treasurer
In account with PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1884	Dr.			
April 30,	"	To Cash balance in hands of Questor		$96 26
May 1,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Saratoga, May 1, 1885,	$14 00	
" 16,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Greene, May 1, 1885,..	12 00	
" 19,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Rensselaer, May 1, 1885,.....	18 00	
" 20,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Schenectady, May 1, 1885,.....	14 00	
" "	"	To Cash received from Classis of Geneva, May 1, 1885,	9 00	
Sept. 20,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Montgomery, May 1, 1885,.....	20 00	
Oct. 6,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Albany, May 1, 1885,	24 00	
" 10,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Ulster, May 1, 1885..	18 00	
" 11,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Cayuga, May 1, 1885..	9 00	
Dec. 9,	"	To Cash received from Classis of Schoharie, May 1, 1885,	8 00	146 00
				$242 26

1884	Cr.			
May 15,	"	By Cash paid J. Munsell's Sons, printing Minutes,	$73 25	
" 9,	"	By Cash paid Rev. Alan D. Campbell, sermon delivered by order of Synod,	2 60	
1885				
April 11,	"	By Cash paid Mrs. Eleanor H. Strong, executing Selah W. Strong's estate,	54 97	
" "	"	By Cash paid Rev. J. Paschal Strong, Classical Blanks,	1 08	
" "	"	By Balance carried to new account,.....	110 41	$242
1885	Dr.			
May 1,	"	To Cash balance in hands of Treasurer		$110

Committee on Necrology.

The Committee on Necrology would respectfully report:

During the past Synodical year two of the brethren of this Synod have laid down their work and gone to their rest at the call of the Master, both while still under the burden and heat of the day. We would have said that we could spare neither. While both had made good proof of their ministry, we were expecting more from them in the future from the promise of the past. But our Lord has left to us the labor, while to them He said "well done."

And first His call came as close to us all as a call to one could be, for it summoned away the only permanent officer of this Synod.

The Rev. Selah W. Strong had been the Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod of Albany for many years; always in his place at every session; always efficient, accurate, collected, thoroughly informed, unhurried, but prompt and ready; while perfectly fulfilling his own special work at the same time the right hand of the President and the wise counsellor of working members; a model and ideal Stated Clerk. Not soon will this Particular Synod be without him what by his ready wisdom it has been in these past years. To-day we sit bereaved and stricken, for in a

true, sad sense the Lord has taken away our head. But his official position in this Synod was not by any means the chiefest field of his honored usefulness. In his study he was an enthusiastic scholar, of unusual attainments; in his pulpit a clear, strong and most acceptable preacher of the gospel of the Saviour whom he loved; among his people a pastor who spared not himself that he might take loving care of all the flock; with his friends a frank, open hearted, genial, whole-souled friend and companion; in the several church courts a by no means forward but wise and clear-headed worker and counsellor. Under his leadership his church grew strong in numbers, in faith, and in every good work; and our denomination grew stronger because of his strength. That the church at large was not unmindful of the fact, was evident from the parts assigned him in Classis, in this Synod, in the Board of Superintendents, in the Board of Foreign Missions and in his election at the very last General Synod, to the second place in its direction, and as delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church.

Of an honored ministerial lineage, he added honor to the family and name. Yet most of all will his memory be honored and cherished for his most unassuming but most manifest heart piety. The one thing that all who knew him will say first and last is, "We saw how he loved our Lord." What he was, he was because the love of Christ constrained him.

He was a son of the late Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., for many years pastor of the Reformed church of Flatbush, L. I., where Selah was born September 2d, 1844. He graduated from the New York University in 1862, and from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1865, in which year he was ordained pastor of the Reformed Church of Rochester, Ulster County, where he remained until 1870, when he became pastor of the South Church of West Troy, in which pastorate he died November 6th, 1884.

Next the call home came very suddenly to *The Rev. Stephen Searle*, of the Classis of Ulster. He, too was of

ministerial lineage, a son of the late Rev. Jeremiah Searle, who was long honored among the fathers and leaders of our Reformed church, and who came of a long line of preachers of the gospel, stretching back for nearly two hundred years. Stephen was the second of three brothers whose ministry has been in our Reformed church. He graduated from Union College in 1850, and from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1853, in which year he was ordained pastor of the Reformed Church of Mamakating. In 1859, he removed to the pastorate of the church of Griggstown, and in 1874 to Catsban, where in the midst of his days and his usefulness, the summons came to him in January of this present year. Mr. Searle was recognized by all who knew him as a writer and preacher of very superior abilities, but moreover of such modest and retiring disposition that they only knew him well who came within the close circle of his immediate surroundings. He had the diffidence of true meekness which was always ready to esteem others better than himself, and the gentleness which made place rather than sought it; and yet the frank open heartedness which prized and reciprocated friendship and confidence as the treasure of his life.

Never a robust man, he was always a willing and faithful worker, spending what strength he had gladly for the Master, and for the souls committed to his charge. The manifest growth of his people in Christian graces, their peaceful Godliness, and the growing abundance of their liberality, were the proofs of his ministry, which he exercised with gentlest loving kindness and most patient perseverance.

His sermons, remarkable for clearness, simplicity, directness, and sometimes ornate beauty of style, were always full of Christ, the light of his own life, and the center of his thought for his people. That he and they might win Christ and be found in him, for this he lived; surely, for such an one it was not hard to die.

For our brethren and companions' sake we say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from

henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DEBAUN,
Chairman.

Committee on Classical Minutes.

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of all the Classes belonging to the Particular Synod, with the exception of the Classis of Montgomery.

In general, your Committee find that the records have been well kept and have no recommendation to offer in this regard. An examination of the answers made to the constitutional inquiries, however, reveals the fact that the usual indifference prevails in many of the Classes, notably that of Saratoga, as to the constitutional requirement relating to the public exposition of the Heidelberg Catechism. Your Committee are of opinion that the rule should be either enforced or repealed. But in view of the fact that this matter has been so frequently brought to the attention of churches and pastors without apparent result, we merely note the delinquency without further recommendation.

A wide difference in the manner of recording the answer of the churches to the seventh enquiry, is noticeable in the Minutes of Classes. For the sake of greater definiteness and uniformity in the record made of these responses, the following is recommended:

Resolved, That hereafter in recording the answers of the Churches to the seventh Constitutional Enquiry the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be requested to note the number of Boards and funds for which contributions have been made, instead of recording a simple negative when one or more of the Boards or funds of the Church have been remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. COX.

Committee on the State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion within th bounds of this Synod would respectfully present th following Synodical Report:

Reports have been received from all of the te Classes, constituting the Synod. With a single ex ception, they give a brief review of the condition o the individual Churches. As usual and as ever wil be, with the Militant Church on earth, there are th interminglings of light and darkness, of joyfulnes and sorrow. There is always enough to discourage but more than enough ever to encourage the faith o God's people, who cling to the "exceeding great an precious promises" of the word of Him "in whon they are yea and Amen to the glory of God by us." While the past year has been one of marked spiritua prosperity in many portions of the Church of Chris in our land and in our own denomination, we ca make mention of only twelve of the 142 churches i our Synod, which have received the special visitati of the Holy Spirit and resulted in very encouragi additions to the Church of our Lord. Yet t general tenor of the reports assures us that the breez of the Spirit have been moving with gentle a efficient power over many others of our fields spiritual care and labor. Large debts have be cheerfully paid and houses of worship have be renovated. The attendance upon regular pub services, the Prayer meetings, and the Sabbath Scho has been increased in many churches, while in so they have diminished. It is also manifest that t Missionary spirit has been intensified. And this h become almost a test qualification of a true Church Christ, when He commands us to go and take poss sion of the very ends of the earth for Him.

We have no special comparisons of statistics make, that deserve notice. In some departments our church work there are small gains and in oth losses so far as reported figures determine. For i stance, the fact of one hundred families less th reported last year may be accounted for by the pr

bable extinction of the Church of Geneva and the revision of the lists of some churches. And the sad fact that so many churches are without pastors and among them several of considerable strength, may explain in some measure another fact, that our benevolent contributions are less than the last report by $439.29. Possibly some relief is furnished by the statement that some churches fail to report to their Classes the full amount of their gifts. The most stirring figures to report are that there are only sixteen church members more than last year. This should arouse to earnest diligence to obey the command: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house: and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." It should lead us to diligent searching and inquiry as to the sins which separate between Christ and His people, and then to the believing cry, "Will Thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in Thee?"

But instead of further statements of our own, we prefer to have the Classical Reports tell the stories of the churches, giving varied accounts of themselves, as we cannot well give them in this brief summary. They are herewith presented and will be read, we doubt not, with fervent interest.

GEO. J. VAN NESTE,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

The reports of the churches of the Albany Classis show for the past year a decided growth in religious life and numerical strength; many who have sown in tears have reaped in joy, while others are conscious of indications that tell of a harvest near at hand. If the signs are rightly read there can be no question but that our Classis is entering a larger realm of spiritual power. Churches long vacant have found pastors, who have entered most nobly upon their work. Let us pray that God may quickly give us laborers for every field and a song from every reaper. This is possible if we cherish a more earnest and pas-

sionate and practical solicitude for souls. The teaching of the Word, the enthronement of divine truth in the lives of those who have consecrated themselves to Christ, should not content us. God sends us forth for the seeking and saving of the lost. There is travail in the heart of our Lord over the sinners around us. How greatly have we shared this sorrow and in what measure do we drink of this cup, which cannot pass the lips of Christ until the world is redeemed? Brothers, may the baptism of a mighty longing for the wayward and the sin cursed, fall into our spirits as we go out to the future, that each may honestly be able to look into the face of his Master and ask concerning the charge committed to his hands "What could I do unto my vineyard that I have not done unto it."

W. R. Davis.

Classis of Cayuga.

The Committee on State of Religion would respectfully report, that returns have been received from the following churches: Chittenango, Naumburg, New Breman, Owasco, Owasco Outlet, Point Rock, Thousand Isles, Utica and West Leyden.

Owing to the deficiency in tabular statements, your Committee is unable to bring anything before this Classis in any way satisfactory, *e. g.* New Bremen, had no Sunday School record nor financial statements bearing upon contributions or for congregational purposes.

Four of the eight reports presented, contain no remarks referring to the condition or hope of the churches.

Chittenango—reports as follows:

The past year, a year fruitful in many mercies and blessings, for which praise is due to God. The year's record also reveals the need of seeking with more self denying effort, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the glory of the Master.

The regular church work during the early part of the ecclesiastical year was interrupted by the sickness of the Pastor, a sickness that at one time threatened

ıs results, but a Merciful Providence blessed the
ı used for restoration, and the Pastor was able
ume the pulpit and pastoral work, and that with
't burdened with gratitude to God for the rich
estation of his loving kindness.

ring the time of regular vacation (the month of
st), the pulpit was acceptably supplied by the
Charles Anderson (formerly a member of this
s.)

ı Church reports four additions by confession
h. Four dismissals and one death. Owing to
han.res in the past two years by death and re-
ls from the community of some who were
ous supporters, the financial question for the
ı is one of deep interest to the church.

isco—is very deficient in its benevolent report,
one collection taken during the year, viz:
stic Missions.

isco Outlet—presents a lack of remembrance of
butions meriting the attention of Classis;
gn Missions $2.50. Domestic Missions, $2.74.
l Publications, $1.82. The other Boards no col-
n taken.

e church of *Thousand Isles*, at Alexandria
reports as follows: Looking over the past
we may truly say, "Hitherto hath the Lord
d us." For God has been pleased to bless
ıurch and caused it to prosper under our care
;h not to the full measure of our desires. As to
ıner life and purity of our communion we trust
has been a growth in grace and faith; while
ırdly the records show that two members have
and that our number has been strengthened by
ldition of eight persons to the membership, and
ontributions to benevolent purposes have been
than doubled. This year for the first time in
istory of the church, a collection has been taken
ıch of the Boards and Funds. We are happy to
't that there has been a constant and growing
ɜst manifested in religious matters, and that
ıg the year the attendance upon the services of

the Church and Sabbath School has been largely increased. Our church parlor has been rendered more attractive by the memorial chair of Dr. Holland, presented by Mrs. Holland; and also by a fine crayon portrait of Rev. Dr. Bethune.

Utica—reports as follows: Having paid entirely for our new church, and having dedicated it last October, free from debt, we hope in coming years to do more for benevolence.

Notwithstanding the great strain to which we have been subjected during the past three years, our attendance is good, and an interest in the progress of the church is manifest.

In addition to our Sunday School, we conduct a Sewing School in our church Saturday mornings, attended by 143 children.

Several liberal gifts to benevolent and religious purposes, do not appear in the reported contributions to the causes.

In view of the many defective reports presented to this Classis, your Committee would suggest, that this Classis enquire why the constitutional requirements (demanding that each church in connection with the Classis give proper heed to contributions) has not been complied with, and if the replies to the same are not satisfactory, that such action be taken in the premises as the wisdom of Classis may suggest.

Signed,

I. S. Hartley.

Classis of Geneva.

As we have listened to the reports from the individual churches, our hearts have been stirred with gratitude to God. While the Chairman of your Committee was receiving one after another of the reports, he took opportunity to look over the similar reports to different ecclesiastical bodies, and rejoiced to find that the past winter has been one that has been characterized by general prosperity. A quiet but unmistak-

able work of grace has been seen and felt throughout our country. Our own Reformed Church has been blessed with sister churches. Reports have been published from time to time during the winter from which we have learned that many of our churches have enjoyed precious ingatherings. Little has been heard concerning great revivals, in the generally accepted significance of that term, but on all sides the Spring Meetings disclose a delightfully surprising condition of things. With only one or two exceptions all the churches under the care of this Classis report spiritual activity; speak of unmistakable evidences of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost; the power that is seen in the refreshing and strengthening of God's people and the conversion of the unregenerate. Dr. John Hall, at the close of the reading of the reports on the state of religion in the churches of the Presbytery of New York, was stirred with joy, and suggested that a doxology of praise be sung.

Abbe Church, Clymer—reports a year of many and various blessings. The means of grace "have been effectual to believers in their being rooted and built up in the knowledge and grace of our Lord." The church has grown in *numbers*, not only, but in *loyalty* to Christ. The report speaks of "*continual* tokens of God's presence and power," of increasing interest in Bible study. That the youth of the church are enlisted on its side is evident by the fact that a Young Ladies Missionary Association is in operation, and the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association is contemplated. They mourn however the indifference of some, and the worldliness of others.

Arcadia—reports that though having been harassed during the past year with certain internal difficulties on account of the unchristian conduct of one man, sometime Elder of the Church, there is now prevailing a good spirit. Some families have removed, but others have taken their places, so that the membership continues about the same with last year. The outlook is hopeful; the ordinances of religion are appreciated more highly, and attended more regularly

than last year; a debt still burdening, they will try to liquidate during the current year.

Clymer (Hill) Church—deplores a lack of spirituality; mourns that God's people do not as one man, take hold of the Lord's work; does not see that the good seed sown has produced any appreciable results, as visible in the conversion of sinners. But the report mentions on the other hand, that during the week *or weeks* of prayer God's people were revived; many hearts were quickened. They were precious seasons to the christians, but did not leave such tangible results in bringing into Christ's fold the unconverted, as was hoped. The attendance upon the ordinances is reported good.

East Williamson—"We have great reason to thank the Lord," is the opening sentence of the report from East Williamson. "The Spirit is witnessing to the Word of His Grace, we are assured that some have been awakened and been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, whose names we trust will be found in the Lamb's Book of life." The means of grace are well attended and appreciatively enjoyed.

Farmer Village—At Farmer Village, the work has been going on quietly but surely. Church attendance is good. Prayer meeting is well attended and a good degree of interest manifested. The Ladies Missionary Society is in a prosperous condition. New life seems to be finding its way in all departments of church work, and as a result there are some added to the membership at every communion.

Lodi—At Lodi they were without a Pastor during the first half of the past ecclesiastical year; but the report speaks of a people praying the Lord of the Harvest that He might send them a laborer and now recognizes that these prayers have been heard and answered. Brother Murray enjoys the affection and respect of his people and calls forth their testimony to his faithfulness and earnestness. "The services both morning and evening have been largely attended and the profound interest with which the word preached was heard, gave us the assurance that the Holy Spirit

was present. The weekly Prayer meetings have been wonderfully interesting, and blessed with great spiritual good to us all." Indeed the report regards the church "in a highly prosperous condition." The church only regrets that it was not able to do more for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Marion—The Marion report speaks of good attendance upon the means of grace and ordinary interest in the messages of God's truth and love, but mourns that the evidence of the converting and quickening power of truth is so little to be observed; yet they are "conscious that the Lord is not leaving them without witness to His truth and power to save." And there are other signs calling forth gratitude and encouragement. Peace and tranquility are uninterrupted. The church is slowly but steadily growing in the grace of liberality. It was possible to enlist a more than ordinary interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. The report concludes with a prayer for the Holy Spirit's presence and power.

Pultneyville—Being without a Pastor, is earnestly desiring and praying that the Lord may soon give them a man after His own heart. Services have been held uninterruptedly; classical supplies ministered to his people every third week; at the other services sermons were read; attendance has been good. The Prayer meetings though not largely attended, were seasons of refreshing to those whose privilege it was to be present.

Rochester—Rochester thus gives the keynote to its report—"It has pleased the great Head of the church to give us a year of blessing and prosperity There has come to us a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The preaching has been a means of building up and quickening. "The Prayer meetings have afforded us many delightful and heart strengthening moments. The week of prayer was marked by large congregations, even to the crowding of the chapel to the very door"—Many young people are still anxious about their soul's salvation. The report on the other hand expresses regret that

on the part, of many professed followers of Christ, there is a lack of positive Christian life; they are worldly and unspiritual, are not in attendance upon Prayer meetings, and give only a part of their Sabbaths to the Lord's service.

Tyre—We feel assured that the Holy Spirit is striving in some hearts, and there is a longing in the hearts of those who are Christ's that souls may be saved; a second Sunday School was organized under care of one of the Elders, in a district where the gospel is much needed.

From the statistical report, it appears that the number of families has suffered a decrease of 128 as compared with last year's report. This is to be attributed to two causes principally —1st The apparent extinction of the Geneva Church, which reported 195 families last year. And 2d the careful revision of the list of the Lodi Church, which reported only 88 families against 145 last year, there is also a corresponding decrease in number of communicants. Your committee would urge all consistories to make their reports as accurate and definite as possible.

In regard to the benevolent contributions of the churches, it is difficult to make a satisfactory report, as consistories have failed in many instances to itemize their reports. The aggregate shows an increase of $252.76, over last year; but considering that the church of Rochester contributed $680.29, more than last year, resulting from a special effort in behalf of Hope College, there is really a decrease of $327.43.

Your committee regrets that the churches did not generally heed the resolution of Classis to give effect to the Synodic resolution to raise $100.000 for Foreign Missions, and would urge the brethren of Classis to make it.

For congregational purposes there is a decrease of $5,038.61 or almost one-third.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

MATTHEW KOLYN,
President.

Classis of Greene.

Reports have been placed in our hands from all the churches of the Classis.

These various outlines of the religious and temporal conditions of church life, breath forth a spirit of humble gratitude to the Great Head of the church.

They tell of spiritual shades, to be sure :— They remind us that the church on earth is the "Church *Militant*:" There are careless sinners and backsliding Christians.

But, for the most part, they tell of rich and precious blessing received at the hand of our covenant God. The spiritual life has been quickened, and the seeds of truth are germinating. If we may forecast the coming year, we would express the conviction that it will be one of blessed refreshing to our churches.

First Athens—reports that "the year just closed has been one of great blessings." Their "net gain is 17. Nearly all of these have come out as the result of the blessing of God on the labors of both Pastor and people. They are hand-picked." Their "congregations both morning and evening, have increased." "The attendance and spirit of the Prayer meetings have been large and quickening. Benevolent contributions for our Boards have increased, especially those for Foreign Missions."

Second Athens—" rejoices again in the regular ministrations of the sanctuary. She also rejoices in the fact that she has her first regularly installed Pastor, and hopes soon with the blessing of God to increase in strength and numbers, and in spiritual growth."

Catskill—sends statistics, but no report on the state of religion. The statistical report indicates the usual condition of prosperity.

First Coxsackie—reports that " The year has been one of lights and shadows. The hand of death has rested heavily." They have been " called to mourn the loss of their faithful, efficient and beloved Elder, Wm. Terry." They record " with heavy heart the fact that

none have been added to their membership on confession." But they find that "God giveth songs in the night"; for "the congregation is more active, more thoughtful, more interested and more prayerful than at any previous time during the present pastorate. The tone of spiritual life has been raised during the year." In benevolence "there has been an advance 'all along the line,' with a marked increase in the item of Foreign Missions. The increase in benevolent contributions is 66 per cent."

The report of *Second Coxsackie* glows with fervor and sparkles with brightness.

They have "cause for gratitude to God in the good degree of temporal and spiritual prosperity which has accompanied the work of the past year. Her property has been kept in good repair, her financial obligation fully met, and her work in its various departments carried on with entire harmony of feeling." There has been "a gratifying number of additions to the church from the world." The report says further, "We are encouraged to believe that the Spirit is present with us and we hope to see much fruit. The young people have been exposed to special temptations to worldliness during the winter. Nevertheless the counter-influences set in motion have not been wholly in vain. Five of our young people united with the church at the last communion, others are expecting to join at the next communion, and others still are earnestly enquiring the 'way.' A young people's Prayer meeting recently organized, is well attended and gives promise of good results." Their contributions to benevolence during the year touch "the highest mark reached during the present pastorate. One of the pressing needs of the church is more seating room." They append "an expression of their sense of great loss in the recent death of Alexander Reed, who was an honored and useful member of the church, and for many years an efficient member of its consistory."

Kiskatom—is "permitted to report that the continuance of all the ordinary means of grace, except as they have been affected by an unusual number of

stormy or unpleasant Sabbaths." They also "observed a day of special humiliation and prayer in connection with church visitation by brethren of Classis invited for this purpose." The services were "quickening and salutary," and they "hope for a large measure of spiritual results." They feel that in the midst of many secret and open sins, humility and Godly sorrow, with confession, are needed before they can hope for the revelation of God's mercy among them." "By persevering efforts in faith and love, they have maintained the recent standard of benevolent giving, and aim for better things." They would "not fail to add that this year is noted among them in accomplishing the desire of many long years to build horse-sheds;" which "are of excellent quality and will be of permanent value to the church." They feel that "more than all else, they need the manifestation of the Holy Spirit with power upon the many who assemble for worship and listen to the preached word."

"The consistory of the *Church of Leeds* is pleased to report some progress during the year, with humble gratitude to God. After a year's vacancy, they were again supplied with the regular means of grace on the 1st of November last." They are "able to report ten more families than last year, and an addition of six members, although three have been removed by death. On the whole, they thank God and take courage, believing in their souls that still greater prosperity awaits them."

A comparison of the statistical table of Classis with that of last year, and an examination of the table on the proportionment of Religious and Benevolent contributions, in the light of the statements embodied in the account of the state of religion, reveals a very gratifying state of affairs. Nineteen more families than last year, are reported as attending upon the means of grace. While the number of hopeful conversions reported falls seven short of the previous year, still the average for the churches reporting conversions exceeds the similar average of the previous year. There has been a net gain of

18 in membership. The statistics of both years reveal the usual state of indifference to the authority and value of infant baptism. Only three of the seven churches report instruction of the children and youth in the catechisms. Realizing the difficulty with which such work is able to be carried on, we still feel that the constitutional requirement, and the importance of such instruction in its bearing upon spiritual culture, furnish strong grounds for persistent effort in this direction. The Sabbath School work has been prosecuted with its usual vigor and success.

When we turn to the item of Religious and Benevolent contributions, there is cause for gratitude that the spirit of liberality not only continues but *is growing.*

About $100.00 more has been contributed than last year, $506.57 more than the average for the previous five years and $848.04 (or 59 per cent) more than was contributed in 1881; and the reports state that the spirit of *systematic* giving is increasing. A comparison between the reports of this year, and the report of General Synod on page 565, Minutes of 1884, in the item of Missions, produces very gratifying results. There has been contributed during the past year to Domestic Missions $628.23, as against $299.37, a net increase of $328.86 or 110 per cent. The same increase in the other Classes of our church would restore the crippled condition of the Board and enable it to widen its field.

The reported contributions to Foreign Missions amount to $966.28, as against $668.67, a net increase of $297.56 or 45 per cent.

While this sum still falls short of what the Board has been pleased to designate as the proportion for the Classis of Greene by $214; and while we firmly believe that our Classis is able to contribute even *more* than the proportioned amount; still we are grateful for the marks of progress. A corresponding ratio of advancement for the ensuing year would give us a total of about $1,400; or $220.00 more than our proportion. But in the Lord's work there is no

"proportion" save that of *ability*. We have thus dwelt upon the item of Systematic Benificence, because we believe this to be the *test of spiritual prosperity* in the present age of the church.

May our Covenant Head, by His Holy Spirit, incline His Church more and more unto conformity to the spirit of the "great commission."

B. B. STAATS,
Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

In making out a report of the work of the year in the Churches of Classis we will give: *first* a *resumé* of the salient points in the reports of the individual consistories, and *second* draw therefrom some general inferences of instruction, encouragement or admonition as the case may be.

At the writing of this report the following churches have not been heard from, viz., Auriesville, Ephratah, Fort Herkimer, Henderson, Indian Castle, Manheim, Mapletown.

The *Church of Canajoharie*, sends only the statistical table, which shows however, that this church has received the largest measure of spiritual prosperity of any of the churches of Classis. 65 have been added to the church on confession, and 21 by certificate, making an addition of 86 souls during the year.

Columbia—without Pastor since the fall of 1883, has lost in the number of her membership by deaths and removals.

Cranesville—reports two received on confession and two deaths.

Currytown—rejoices in a new "commodious and well furnished church edifice free from all debt," and feels especially the need of a larger measure of the Holy Spirit "uniting the hearts of the people, and inspiring within us all a higher degree of consecration to God and man."

Florida—is "hopeful" in her condition. Four young people have been received into the church, and some improvements made on church property.

Fonda—reports "average temporal and spiritual prosperity." While there has been no special interest on the part of the unconverted, the church says "we have strong hope for those about us who are not yet of this fold. With longing expectation we are waiting, working, praying."

Fort Plain—under her new Pastor installed in July last, "chronicles a general interest in the welfare of the church, and a disposition to devise liberal things for its advancement." "A movement to erect a new building for worship and the various uses of a church" has been inaugurated, which they are encouraged to hope will ultimately be consummated.

Fultonville—feels humbled because "so few have come out from the world and publicly confessed Christ," but speaks of "a commendable interest in the general welfare of the church by the congregation at large." The ladies in particular "have been specially exercised in removing indebtedness incurred in repairing the parsonage, and in carpeting anew, frescoeing and painting the interior of the church." A new system of benevolence has been adopted.

Glen—is glad in having remembered all the Boards and Funds of the church, in her increased benevolence, in some special interest felt in religion during and following the week of prayer, in five souls converted to Christ. She mourns that the indications of quickened life are not more marked, the lack of consecration to Christ and his cause, and the seeming loss of "first love."

Hagaman's Mills—has had a year of encouragement. Fruit has been gathered from the revival of the year previous, and all the work of the church has been prosecuted with interest and a good measure of success.

Herkimer—reports seven hopeful conversions during the year, and that "at times the church has seemed

almost on the eve of a revival of religion, but the showers that hung over us for a little have vanished, and the field is suffering at present to some extent from spiritual drought." "The most encouraging feature of the year's work" has been "the growth and prosperity of the Sabbath School."

Port Jackson—records as the special feature of their year's work, the enlarging, repairing, and rededicating to God, free from debt, their beautiful house of worship. The presenting to the Triune Jehovah a place where his people may bring their sacrifice of prayer and praise is an offering he promises to accept and bless. Indeed a people are already blessed that they "should be able to offer so willingly after this sort." "And the Lord of hosts further challenges to prove him, by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, if he will not open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Spraker's Basin—has passed the year pleasantly and profitably. They are encouraged and propose to press forward.

Stone Arabia—has received no increase in membership, but has put forth enlarged efforts in multiplied means. "Through the summer and fall on the average about five preaching services were held in the week in the limits of the congregation." These were discontinued for the winter to be resumed in the spring.

Mohawk—has had no additions by confession and only three by letter. Yet the services are well attended, as also the Prayer meetings during the year, the financial condition is good. They say "all we appear to lack is the blessing of the Holy Spirit. For this we pray."

St. Johnsville—feels reason to be encouraged, and is devoutly thankful. During the year they have removed the last vestige of the debt that had burdened them ever since the erection of their new church building. Through their five weekly services, three on the Sabbath, and two during the week, they trust

that it may not be long before the Lord will refresh them with notable spiritual blessings.

From the study of the consistorial reports as a whole we gather,

1st. In regard to temporalities that the year has been one of marked prosperity considering the general financial depression. Port Jackson has expended about $8000 on their church building and only $1900, which is subscribed, remains to be paid during another year. Currytown, at the beginning of the year completed her church edifice, and has entirely paid off indebtedness. St. Johnsville has removed the last vestige of her debt increase on a new church edifice. Fort Plain has inaugurated a movement for a new church building with all the necessary appointments. Fultonville has expended a considerable sum in beautifying the interior of their church and in removing indebtedness of the past. Florida has also made improvements on church property. No embarrassing debts are mentioned as remaining throughout the Classis. This is hopeful for the future of the churches.

The benevolence of the churches on the whole has fallen off from last year. The decrease among the churches has been varied in amounts, in some more, in some less, in a few instances there has been an increase, Glen having a little more than doubled. An ebb in the tide of the benevolence of our churches is to be deplored. None, we think, could claim to have reached high-water mark, and since God is so abundantly blessing our missionary work in the home and foreign fields, and opening the way for enlarged efforts, it seems most inopportune that the church should call a halt by withholding the means requisite to go in and possess the lands for King Jesus. Among us the falling off cannot be due wholly, nor to any great extent, to increased expenditures for congregational purposes, since the aggregate increase of congregational expenditures of this year over last is less than $3,000 among the whole 20 working churches of Classis. We might instance individual churches in which large expenditure for congregational purposes have made little difference in their

benevolence as compared with years of ordinary expenditures for church support. It would seem then, that retrenchment, on account of financial depression, begins with our benevolent offerings to the Lord. Is this right? Have we heretofore so far honored the Lord with our substance that we can claim exemption? Has there been such a corresponding lessening of personal expenditures, in dress and style of living, as to warrant us in saying to the Lord we cannot continue to do so much for the extension of thy kingdom in the world? Let us remember the Lord says, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty," and that "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

As to the *spiritual condition* of the churches, there have been received on confession of faith during the year 127: an increase of 15 over last year. Canajoharie is the only church showing a manifestation of the Spirit's presence in special power. 65 have confessed Christ before the world, 33 of whom received the administration of the rite of baptism. We bless God that he has watered this Zion with a shower of his grace, and that others have been remembered with the dews of his mercy, yet we cannot but feel that, with the church of Fultonville, we are called, as a Classis, to humble ourselves before God on account of the smallness of blessing we have received, and deserved at his hand. Deducting the accessions of Canajoharie from the whole, we have 62 for the remaining 22 churches of Classis, weak and strong. Or again, deducting further the 15 accessions to the Church of Hagaman's Mills, most of which are an overflow from the revival of last year, we have remaining 47 for 21 churches; only a little more than an average of two for churches large and small. This certainly is not a large showing. While most of the churches speak hopefully there is still perceptible an undertone of sadness. This perhaps is more apparent because of what we hear of the showers of blessing that are falling, and have fallen during the year, upon the church in general. It becomes us to ask why are we passed by? As individual congregations are we

ready for, and do we desire, a revival of God's work among us? Among individual Christians in our congregations are hearts burdened and breaking for the salvation of souls? Is there among Christians that *consecration* to God and his service there should be? Consistories, in their reports, hint at various hindrances in the way of larger blessings, a spirit of worldliness, want of church discipline, neglect of the ordinances of religion; would not all these be removed were the men and women, the Pastors and people of our congregations more entirely and more heartily *consecrated*, made holy, and devoted to God and his cause?

Like the reports of many of the consistories, that of Classis as a whole, must be one of mingled gladness and sorrow; of gratitude for spiritual mercies received, and of humiliation that the measure of blessing has not been larger. Let us devoutly put up the prayer, O LORD REVIVE THY WORK! And as we enter upon another year let it be with renewed consecration to the service of the Master.

A. J. HAGEMAN,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Your Committee having reviewed the reports of the churches as forwarded by their Pastors to the chairman, would respectfully submit the following:

Blooming Grove — reports a promising outlook, "many not converted attending the preaching of the word, the public means of grace sustained with interest and apparent success; leading to the hope that the word has been blessed and will not return void."

Castleton—says "there is a spirit of activity in our church especially encouraging. We have paid off a debt of $300, and increased our benovolent contributions."

Chatham—reports "the general condition of the church seems prosperous. It is in peace and is doing to some extent God's work."

First Ghent—says "great harmony and liberality have characterized the work of the past year, which has been largely one of material upbuilding" extensive repairs upon the church edifice, costing more than $1700, have been provided for, leaving the church without debt.

The congregation is in a healthful spiritual condition.

Greenbush— has enjoyed "a year of general good feeling and unusual interest in church services" which prompts the prayer for, and gives promise of, spiritual quickening at no distant day.

Kinderhook— finds that "the number of *apparent* conversions indicates a year of less than usual spiritual prosperity." Still for her encouragement the apparent lack is offset by "more than usual christian activity in various ways. The benevolent contributions of church and Sunday school have been maintained at their comparatively high standard" so that she is justified in looking for "the more marked blessing of the Spirit."

Nassau—has felt painfully the financial stringency which has affected the surrounding community. Yet with accustomed liberality her people have provided for their own needs, liquidating a debt of $650, and paying their current expenses. Besides, the total of their Benevolent contributions is but little short of last year's. The interest in spiritual matters is good and steady, though not specially marked.

Schodack—"Thanks God and takes courage" with good reason, inasmuch as all the means of grace have been in fruitful operation resulting in an accession of thirty persons to the church membership and others expecting to unite with God's people. While its district Prayer meetings and Sabbath schools are in active and successful operation, the home school has doubled in members and efficiency.

Schodack Landing—reports a safe financial condition; an increased and promising benevolent spirit; zealous activity in various lines of Christian work and hopefulness for future results.

Stuyvesant—has enjoyed a year of usual activity in church work and a continued interest in the ordinances of Religion. She calls attention to "one feature worthy notice," viz.: "An increased disposition on the part of christian parents to recognize at once their obligation to their Saviour and their duty to their offspring to consecrate them in the rite of baptism."

Stuyvesant Falls—says: "This is truly missionary ground;" after ten months service the acting Pastor finds encouragement in that the congregation though small, has about doubled in size, and in an increased activity in certain directions. Though the outlook is not glowing, there may be good things in store for this feeble, struggling church. In order to retain what she has and build upon it if possible, she has sought the aid of our Domestic Board and asks the encouragement of this Classis.

J. HENRY BERTHOLF,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

As we review the reports of the churches embraced within the Classis of Saratoga for the past year, it presents not merely a dry statistical record, but a work that has produced great fruitfulness. It has been a year of great prosperity with the majority of the churches. It gives the brightest and most encouraging record, far exceeding that of many previous years. At no time, since the year 1872, has there been such a large ingathering on confession of faith, showing thereby that the Reformed Church in the Classis of Saratoga is not dying out but expressing renewed vigor and life. A few of the churches report large additions to their membership, several of them report an increase of attendance upon the regular church services, the Sunday school, and Prayer meetings. The people seem to have the interests of their church at heart and have a mind to work. The churches also have been liberal in their gifts to benevolent objects. Our two Mission Boards have been well remembered

by the individual Pastors, without any special missionary conference by the Classis. One of our churches rejoices in the removal of a funded debt, although suffering under a great financial pressure. Another speaks of a reduction of their debt, which had not been accomplished for many years.

Reviewing briefly the reports of the individual churches we have the following:

Buskirks—Reports an increase of attendance in all the services of the church. Owing to their circumscribed condition with other churches and the small number of young people in the congregation they have not been able to have a large accession. They have organized a Ladies Missionary Society and it has done a good work. The church reports $111, to benevolence which is highly commendable and larger than any other in proportion to their numbers and that given for congregational purposes.

Cohoes—reports 35 on confession and seven on certificate. God has poured out His Spirit and there has been a large ingathering. A deep interest has prevailed in the Prayer meeting and school, and an excellent attendance. A Ladies Missionary Society has been formed and well sustained, $400 for benevolence and $6,712.00 for congregational purposes, wiping out the entire funded debt.

Easton—reports one received on confession and one on certificate. They are laboring under great weakness and yet we are glad to learn they have received two in addition.

Fort Miller—has been greatly revived by the addition of eighteen on confession and six on certificate. This is the more remarkable as they are dependent upon the Pastor at Schuylerville to supply them, and this too occurring when that Pastor had much extra work in his own church. They certainly have cause for great encouragement.

Saratoga—reports fifty-three on confession and nine on certificate, deducting one that died and they have a gain of sixty-one to their membership. This is by

far the largest number of additions to a single church. They truly have received a Pentecostal blessing, a marvellous work of grace; if there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth, there should be a corresponding joy in that church and in the Classis over this large number converted to Christ. It speaks of labor and devotion on the part of both Pastor and people, and should call forth the constant prayer that the life thus begun might be fully developed in making these converts strong in faith to do efficient work in the future.

Schaghticoke—reports discouragement on account of an old feud being revived, producing distrust and neglect, both in religious and financial obligations, and that this division is of such a nature as to neutralize all the labors of the Pastor and those who sincerely seek the spiritual interest of the church.

Union Village—reports a financial gain, reducing their debt and having a balance on hand. Their additions have been two on confession and five on certificate, and in addition there has been a deep and true spirit of thoughtfulness and prayer manifested all the year. Christian men and women seem to be alive to their obligations and are nobly meeting them. They are greatly encouraged, united in all the labors and efforts of the different departments of church work.

North Reformed of West Troy—reports peace and harmony. All the services including Prayer meeting and Sabbath school being well and regularly attended. Their gain has been one on confession and four on certificate. The smallness of this number is presumed to be a result of the church being vacant a part of the year and the want of steady Pastoral labor. They have dismissed ten and revised their list of membership making a large reduction.

South Reformed Church of West Troy—reports sixteen on confession and thirteen on certificate. This is not only good but better than the average religious growth of churches throughout the whole church of Christ. Besides there has been given $890.78 for benevolence

and equally large for congregational purposes, which expresses sincere devotion, great liberality, earnest work, life and growth.

Wynantskill—reports eight on confession and one on certificate. Also a gradual growth in every direction. A Ladies Prayer meeting has been established and is well attended. Their liberality has been nobly expressed in giving $101.00 to benevolence, $2,319.00 congregational purposes. The church is in a most prosperous and hopeful condition.

EDW. G. ACKERMAN,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Your Committee on the State of Religion are thankful in paying tribute to the punctuality of the ministers of the Classis. All the Consistorial reports have reached the hands of the Chairman at least one day before the meeting of the Classis. Some were left unsigned, and some were defective in minor points; but on the whole the promptness of the brethren leads us to hope for even more improvement in this direction.

We are glad to notice that care is being taken to furnish only the actual facts as to church-membership. In the collection of this year's reports we find two asterisks denoting that the revision of two church rolls has been recent; while that of Helderberg was accomplished last year, and that of Glenville is promised for the next report. This is as it ought to be. The lists of membership should not only be revised so as to exclude the deceased and absent but also those who have a name to live but are dead to their vows.

We are glad to note that despite the financial stringency of the times, benevolence has born good fruit in beneficence, and the contributions of the Classis for religious purposes is nearly one thousand dollars in excess of the amount reported last year; the congregational expenses being about the same as in previous years.

The past winter has been one of unprecedented severity and long continued cold, causing bad roads and difficult traveling. The winter is the harvest time of the church and the difficulties in the way of extra and ordinary services have been a source of regret to Pastors, because the attendance of the people has been so much hindered. Notwithstanding this we report an accession of 90 persons by confession of faith as compared with 96 last year. We have not however as a Classis actually gained in numbers, for, while the number of members removed by death is seven less than last year, the total number in communion reported is, owing to the revisions before mentioned, 39 less than last year. Over this we have reason to mourn, and yet the general state of our churches is that of health. They dwell in the unity of the Spirit and in the bonds of peace. All have Pastors: all are in a fairly satisfactory financial state, and in comparison with past records we do not feel like mourning but rather feel like thanking God and taking courage. At least three young men from our Classis are preparing for the Gospel ministry and this we hail as a sign of life and answered prayer.

We congratulate the First Church of Glenville upon again enjoying the ministrations of a faithful and earnest Pastor, who has already gathered in his first sheaves. The Second Church has enjoyed a harvest-home in the accession of ten by confession, and Helderberg rejoices in the same number less one. Lisha's Kill has been blessed with a revival in which thirty-one were gathered in. We note too with gladness in the lists of baptised adults the First Church of Glenville has six, the Second eight, while that of Lisha's Kill records thirteen. While heartily rejoicing in this, we also magnify the Lord in that by baptism the infants of believers are made partakers of the promise. The past year has to our Classis been the year of the Holy Innocents, since more of the little ones have been consecrated to God in holy baptism than in any year since 1880 and above the average for ten years past. The First Church of Schenectady with ten, that of Helderberg with nine, and that of Niskayuna

with thirteen lead in numbers. If all these children are baptised on the confessed faith of communicant parents, we may reasonably believe that the sadly large number of gray-haired baptised non-communicants, complained of in one church, will be proportionally less in the future than in the past, where baptism has been freely administered even to the offspring of those who refused to confess their faith in Christ before men.

Finally we rejoice that the Sabbath schools, the nursery of the Church, are maintained faithfully and with a tendency to improvement. Though the roll of the First Schenectady school has been revised, the total number reported to Classis is in excess of last year. We earnestly urge that the Sabbath schools continue to be prime objects of the love and watchful prayer of all our Pastors and Elders.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ELLIOT GRIFFIS,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion present the following report for the year ending April 1st, 1885. Consistorial reports have been received from the churches of Berne, Beaverdam, Central Bridge, Gallupville, Middleburgh, Lawyersville, North Blenheim, Schoharie, Schoharie Mountain, Prattsville and Sharon.

The churches of Breakabeen, Gilboa, Moresville and South Gilboa, have sent no reports.

From these reports we present the following extracts, with brief remarks, which will indicate the condition of the several churches.

Beaverdam—The church of Beaverdam presents a most encouraging exhibit. Two have been added on confession of their faith. The church has been steadily growing for years, and has within the past year taken no backward step. The Sabbath school has been very promising and great interest has been taken in it by members of the church. With divine

help and the efforts of the membership especially, noble band of young men and women, the outlook indeed encouraging. The only discouraging thing mentioned, are the neglect of church ordinances by some and the little done for benevolence compared with the growing prosperity of the church.

Berne—reports nothing unusual. There are some complaining notes in their report. The Sabbath school does not have that hearty support from members of the church which should be given it. Several families have removed from the congregation and others follow this spring. The worldly lives of some members cause sorrow. But the joyful strains prevail over the mournful notes. The word has been regularly preached. The Sabbath evening services and the monthly concert have been regularly held. There are many faithful men and women to stay up the hands of the Pastor. Three have been added by confession.

Central Bridge—presents a most encouraging report. Their beautiful house of worship was dedicated the 30th of July. They are still burdened with a debt of sixteen hundred dollars, but the same energy and devotion which have characterized them in the past, will surely in some way, overcome the remaining difficulties. The Statistical tables give twenty families, and four hundred dollars for congregational purposes. Two have been added from the world.

Gallupville—presents a report strongly in contrast with the glowing report of a year ago. The lights and shadows flitting over our history the past year, form rather a sombre picture. No conversions; loss of spirituality among many. An unusual death roll, including the loss of some of the most spiritual and liberal of the membership; also losses of valuable families by removals. But we have had sunshiny as well as cloudy days. The Sunday school has become an evergreen. There are indications that God's spirit is at work. "God's strange dealing with us must mean a preparation for more prayer, faith and growth. We need and ask for the prayers of our

brethren in the ministry and in the churches of our Classis."

Lawyersville—reports that they have had service but three months during the year, Since then they have thoroughly repaired their church at a cost of five hundred dollars. There is considerable activity in the congregation and a strong desire to have the stated means of grace among them. Arrangements have already been made with one of the students now graduating from our Seminary to supply them, and he is to enter upon his work about the 1st of July.

Middleburgh—This church though without a Pastor sends a hopeful report. While the state of religion has been without any marked features the past year," "yet there has never been a deeper interest in church work through the entire congregation. The Sabbath School has never been more prosperous than at present." They hope soon to have a Pastor settled over them.

North Blenheim—This church not having a Pastor, has not enjoyed the regular services of the Word and Sacraments. Still they hope in the Lord that he will soon appear to build up the waste places of Zion. Their Sunday School has been sustained during the summer season and quite well attended. While spiritual things are not prosperous, there is a manifest regard for the temporal affairs of the church. They are earnestly praying for a Shepherd of the Lord's choosing to break unto them the bread of Life, in which prayer they ask Classis to unite with them.

Prattsville—sends an unexpectedly hopeful report. The pastoral relation between the church and their late pastor, Rev. N. F. Nickerson, was dissolved last December and they have secured the services of Rev. F. F. Wilson, whether as stated supply or Pastor, the report does not state. The report says, "God's light shines upon us again. There is a great interest manifested in spiritual as well as temporal things. The Sabbath School is growing finely. The Lord has not forgotten us."

Schoharie—This church has passed through great trials during the past year. They speak of mercy and judgment. The storm which threatened to break wildly over them is breaking away and the sunlight of peace and prosperity is shining through the rift of the passing clouds. The Sabbath School maintains its past reputation of enthusiasm and efficiency and with its devoted teachers and officers hopes to continue to lead the children to Christ and prove itself the nursery of the church. The church is continually and fervently praying for a man sent of God, to be their pastor. No accession.

Schoharie Mountain—has its discouragements and encouragements. None have been added to her communion. A mother in Israel and an elder who was of great help to them, have died. Families have removed from the bounds of the congregation. These are the discouragements mentioned. The encouragements are as follows: the word has been preached the Prayer meeting continued; debt has been cancelled, peace and good feeling prevail and our hope is in the Lord himself." Well may the church thank God and take courage.

Sharon—laments financial embarrassment resulting from depression of the hop market. They have done what they could in benevolence, are aiming to keep up spirituality among them; have large audiences, to which the word is faithfully preached, and a Sabbath School in which they take much interest. They are holding on in harmony and are held in good repute among those who are without. The week of Prayer was observed without result. Their prayer "is for the Holy Spirit to energize and make us sufficient for the work to which as a church we are called.

Breakabeen—during the year has had the regular preaching of the word and the administration of the ordinances. It has not been a year of enlargement.

The benevolence of the churches as far as appears from the reports at hand has materially decreased. This is in great part no doubt to be attributed to the absence of pastoral effort and influence; churches

without Pastors as a rule accomplish but little for the Lord's work beyond their bounds. And the same rule holds even in churches with Pastors. The Pastor's influence and interest, and determined will, is the potential factor in awakening and fostering this essential part of the Lord's work. And there is no Classis in our Reformed Church, where this work calls so loudly for self denying effort and will from the settled Pastors as here.

The prominence of Sabbath school work in the various reports is marked and inspiring. In every report but one, special interest is mentioned, in this promising part of church work. And a Classis in which the great majority of the churches magnify this agency and care for the instruction and keep their hold on their children and youth, must have a bright and growing future.

The lack of conversions in our churches is the saddest fact in this annual review. In many churches no accessions are reported; in some one and two and in one three. This is the more startling in view of the widespread manifestation of revival power and when we remember that God has no pleasure in the death of the sinner; that He has ascended to be a Prince and a Saviour to grant repentance unto Israel and remission of sin; and that the Holy Ghost given at Pentecost is as mighty to call the dead to life as then; and when we remember that the church is the divinely appointed organization to convert the world; and think of our fifteen churches and can report so few converts, we cannot but bewail our want of importunate and close dealing with God. No church, no minister should rest content in such a condition. To every minister, to every christian who must have souls saved, God must give saved souls.

It is with great surprise and sorrow we record the long list of dissolutions in our Classis. Not only the weakest but also the strongest of our churches, eight in number, are without Pastors. We should be led to increased urgency in our prayers to the Great Sheperd of Israel to give unto us under Sheperds for these Pastorless flocks.

The Chairman of your Committee began the pr paration of this report with sorrowful feelings, expec ing to find and record much of discouragement a lamentation. How completely these feelings ha changed to encouragement and praise! Still furth to lead us all to increased thanksgiving and m abundant rejoicing, he appends a comparison Classical statistics for 1874 and 1884.

	Fami-lies.	Rec'd on Confes. & Certf.	Total in Com-munion.	Total en-rolled in S. Schools	Benevo-lence.	Congre-tional p-poses.
1874	681	49	928	681	412 61	6,708
1884	728	101	1,231	1,093	577 82	8,329
Gain	77	52	303	412	165 21	1,620

Respectfully submitted,
J. Howard Van Doren,
Chairman.

Classis of Ulster.

The Church of *Caatsban* maintains its previc good record of zeal and faithfulness. Its contrib tions to benevolence amount to over $600, bei an average of $4 to each member, or $9 to ea family. It has received an encouraging addition its membership, and the services of the Sabbath a the week have been faithfully and zealously maintaine indicating a true Christain devotion. It has to si of mercy and of judgment. The Classis will fu share in its lamentation on the death of its la beloved and faithful Pastor, our brother Steph Searle, and cannot fail to endorse its enconiur "That in all his pastoral relations he showed hi self the faithful Servant of God, and of the trut For his personal worth and for his work's sake h was highly esteemed by us. For his faithfulne and usefulness as a Pastor he is enshrined in o affections. Great shall be his reward in Heaven. Since his decease his place has been faithfully ar affectionately filled by the Rev. Mr. Chapman, a form and highly esteemed Pastor of the same church.

The Church of *Esopus* reports a quiet and steady growth towards prosperity and spiritual strength, and to day stands upon a solid basis of financial prosperity. Its contributions to benevolence show a marked advance.

The Church of *Flatbush* reports five on confession but a considerable loss by deaths and removals. They have had some special services under the Rev. Mr. Perry, and have newly roofed, carpeted, painted and heated the church edifice.

The 1st Church of *Kingston* has enjoyed a year of steady prosperity, gratifying and encouraging. The people have done a noble work in raising an unusual sum towards extinguishing over two-thirds of the debt incurred in the repairs and splendid additions they have been making to their church and chapel.

Shokan—struggling with difficulties has gained in attendance in the Sunday School and in the church. Fifteen have been received on confession. The Ladies Missionary Society is started, and a hall and sheds have been built.

Shandaken—reports great discouragements, other churches there feel the same, owing somewhat to the removal of church interests to Phonicia.

Wiltwyck—reports under the same pleasant condition with that of last year, and engages with renewed hope in the work of the coming year.

Plattekill—rent with much division, eight months ago, is melting into unity again. A good number have united with the church under the preaching of Brother Cole, as stated supply, and the way now seems open for his installation as Pastor during the coming June, with the general acquiescence of the people, and with flattering prospects of a happy and useful settlement.

Port Ewen—mourns the absence of any special reviving, but is carrying on its Sabbath school and other work with enterprise and hope, while its temporal interests are being looked after by the ladies of the congregation, the church already undergoing improvements and contemplating further ones.

Saugerties—has lost three of its acting or ex-elders, one of whom has frequently represented this Church in the Classis, and for many years has been one of the very strong pillars in the church, Mr. John Kinsted. The church however has not given way to discouragement, but rather the duty has proved itself the more imperatively on all to rally to its aid. Financially the church is in very prosperous condition; beside its running expenses, having painted the church edifice and paid off a number of floating debts. Harmony rules in its counsels, a goodly number has united with its communion, and more are expected at the next communion.

The Church of *Blue Mountain* without a settled pastor almost a year is just ready to install Rev. A. G. Lansing with cordial unanimity. The Church, Lecture Room and Parsonage have been handsomely repaired at the cost of some $4,000, the legacy of Cornelius W. Legg, most of this being spent upon the church.

The Church of *Woodstock* has received eight on confession, the religious tone has been improved, and the Pastor and people are grateful for a happy past and hopeful for the coming year.

The Church of *Roxbury* thanks God for many encouraging features. The Sunday school has almost doubled. Great harmony has prevailed, and contributions to benevolence increased.

Your Committee report upon the whole a better unity of heart in congregations where dissensions were, the hopeful settlement of Pastors shortly where discord once threatened serious consequences, the removal of large debts, a very general improvement of finances, in a number of cases very gratifying accessions, and what, with few exceptions may be called an advance along the entire line. Let the Churches seek more and more the things that make for peace, and invoke particularly the blessing of the Lord of Hosts, while in the patience of hope and the fortitude of love they labor on for the world and for Christ!

DENIS WORTMAN,
Chairman.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Classis of Albany.

Received.

Rev. Joseph P. Davis, licentiate from Classis of Schoharie, ordained and installed at Bethlehem, May, 1884.

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, from Classis of Saratoga, May, 1885.

Dismissed.

Rev. A. G. Lansing, to Classis of Ulster.

Classis of Cayuga.

Received.

Rev. J. W. Vaughan, from Classis of Passaic.

Rev. Henry Ungland, from Presbytery of Newark.

Rev. Frederick Kern, from Presbytery of Winnebago.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Rev. Evart Van Slyke, D. D., and church at Syracuse.

Rev. John M. Reiner, and church esat West Leyden and Point Rock.

Classis of Geneva.

Dismissed.

Rev. S. T. Cole to Classis of Ulster.

Rev. P. G. M. Bahler to Classis of Michigan.

Rev. T. C. Strong to Congregational Church.

Ordained and Installed.

Rev. Fred. W. Ruhl, at Tyre.

Classis of Greene.

Received.

Rev. E. N. Sebring, from Classis of Schoharie and installed at Leeds and 2d Athens, Nov. 1, 1884.

Rev. Evart Van Slyke, from Classis of Cayuga and installed at First Catskill.

Classis of Montgomery.

Received.

Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D. D., from Classis Kingston, July 14, 1884.

Installed.

Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D. D., at Fort Plain July 24, 1884.

Licensed.

Joel Doucks, May 27, 1884.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Rev. John Minor and church at Currytown, April 21, 1885.

Dismissed.

Rev. P. A. Wessels, to Classis of Westcheste April 15, 1884. Licentiate Joel Doucks, to Classis Raritan, May 27, 1884.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Received.

Rev. Jacob I. Gulick, from Presbytery of Monmouth, and settled at Blooming Grove, Jan. 28, 1885.

Classis of Saratoga.

Received.

Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D. D., from Classis of Michigan.

Rev. J. Webster Bailey, from Presbytery of White Water.

Died.

Rev. Selah W. Strong.

Dismissed.

Rev. J. G. Lansing, Professor at New Brunswick.
Rev. Geo. A. Mills, to Congregational Church.
Rev. J. W. Chapman, to Classis of Albany.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Rev. J. G. Lansing and North Church at West Troy.
Rev. Geo. A. Mills and Northumberland.
Rev. J. W. Chapman and Schuylerville.
Rev. E. G. Ackerman and Schaghticoke.

Classis of Schenectady.

Received.

Rev. N. F. Nickerson, from Classis of Schoharie.

Installed.

Rev. N. F. Nickerson, over 1st Glenville, March 3, 1885.

Dismissed

Rev. J. W. Hill, to Presbytery of Dakota.

Classis of Schoharie.

Dismissed.

Rev. E. N. Sebring, to Classis of Greene.
Rev. A. F. Todd, to Classis of New Brunswick.
Rev. N. F. Nickerson, to Classis of Schenectady.
Joseph P. Davis, Licentiate, to Classis of Albany.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Rev. Edward Miller and Breakabeen.

Classis of Ulster.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren and West Hurley and Stewartville.

Died.

Rev. Stephen Searle.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Reformed,	Vacant,	229	6	1	12	....	12	452	...	...	.....	.....	1	373	$1,124 04	$6,907 20	Albany, N. Y.
Second Reformed,	W. R. Davis,	253	9	15	1	....	6	357	5	5	.....	70	1	408	5,940 21	11,485 86	Albany, N. Y.
Third Reformed,	Edwin F. See,	176	39	16	7	....	4	255	18	12	.....	.....	1	377	267 78	3,667 35	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Reformed	J. F. Neef,	65	11	...	6	...	1	129	16	..	.....	40	1	130	80 00	950 00	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Reformed,	Henry K. Boer,	82	14	1	2	6	2	146	10	...	.....	74	1	138	308 64	1,142 49	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem,	Joseph P. Davis,	155	15	4	2	..	6	223	2	4		.....	4	320	104 60	1,851 80	Bethlehem Centre.
Second Bethlehem,	J. L. Pearse, S. C.,	90	6	4	2	...	2	206	6	2	... ..	60	1	120	200 00	3,175 00	Adams' Station, N. Y.
Second Berne,	Vacant,	77	...	....	.	....	...	113	..	....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	New Salem, N. Y.
Knox,	Vacant,	28	...	....	3	....	2	37	....	....	.....	.....	2	85	.....	.....	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville,	C. M. Perlee,	55	4	2	2	...	3	111		2	... ..	100	1	144	25 83	302 41	Clarksville, N. Y.
Coeymans,	H. P. Craig,	100	21	....	2	....	5	183	3	3	... ..	75	1	75	256 64	1,352 88	Coeymans, N. Y.
Onesquethaw,	C. M Perlee,	45	22	2	...	...	3	73	8	9	.....	.....	...	.....	17 81	742 23	Clarksville, N. Y.
Jerusalem,	Edwin Vedder,	93	3	...	2		2	125	3	2	.....	.....	1	160	21 78	772 05	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem,	A. G. Lansing,	105	1	3	7	....	4	211	6		... .	173	1	173	83 53	2,165 49	New Salem, N. Y.
Unionville,	A. C. Millspaugh,	50	5	3	....		3	51	1	3	.....	50	1	55	45 00	575 00	Union Church, N. Y.
New Baltimore,	A. M. Arcularius,	87	2	4	2	..	3	189	1	2	.....	.....	1	102	274 25	1,786 37	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo,	Vacant,	50	....	....	...	....	4	80	...	..	.....	...	1	75	16 42	147 00	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total,		1740	158	55	50	6	62	2941	79	44	.....	642	19	2735	$8,766 53	$37,022 13	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. R. W. Clark Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. William Bailey, Cedar Hill, N. Y.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota,	Vacant,	50	2	6	...	...	1	68	1	1	.....	31	1	152	$25 00	$1,418 45	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero,	Vacant,	30	1	....	....	....	...	33	....	1	.....	.....	1	91	25 00	3,033 00	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango,	C. O. Thatcher, S. C.,	83	4	....	4	....	1	117	1	2	.....	.....	1	115	162 00	1,250 00	Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumberg,	Henry Ungland,†	16	....	..	....	..	...	49	3	....	...	.....	1	52	8 63	184 37	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen,	Henry Ungland,†	10	..	....	....	....	3	29	....	....	.. ..	.....	....	.....	....	....	New Bremen, N. Y.
Owasco,	J. W. Vaughan,	117	5	2	3	1	2	125	....	3	.....	.....	2	199	15 83	1,123 84	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet,*	Supplied,	40	2	...	1	....	...	45	....	1	.....	.....	1	*75	50 06	627 12	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock,	Supplied,	10	5	....	..	....	....	27	3		.....	.....	1	60	....	250 00	West Leyden, N. Y.
Syracuse,	Evert Van Slyke, D.D.	168	4	....	....	....	5	290	3	1	.....	250	1	275	1,210 00	4,600 00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles,	E. C. Lawrence,†	80	7	1	....	....	...	92	2	5	.. ..	....	1	145	148 50	1,215 27	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Utica,	I. S. Hartley, D.D.,	122	4	6	....	..	2	171	5	2	.....	.....	1	125	1,579 32	5,891 87	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden,	Supplied,	27	....	....	....	1	....	60	3	....	.....	.. ..	1	35	65 00	250 00	West Leyden.
Total,	...	753	34	15	8	2	14	1106	21	16	.....	281	12	1424	$3,289 34	$19,943 92	

Other Ministers—Peter Mölling, Rome, New York; Rev. George Rockwell, 592 E. 140th street, New York; Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Tokio, Japan; Rev. Frederic Kern, West Leyden, N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Reiner, Lyons Falls, N. Y. * Rev. R. H. Dexter. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Su-pended.	Died.	Total now in communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Abbe Church,	D. J. De Bey,	62	10	1	...	...	...	130	3	1	...	59	1	733	$121 95	$864 83	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Arcadia,	Wm. G. Baas,	30	...	4	3	...	1	65	24	...	...	25	1	60	8 31	200 00	Newark, Wayne Co.
Caroline,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Slaterville, Tompkins.
Clymer,	M. Van Doren,	83	7	...	...	...	4	188	5	...	...	50	1	110	107 30	775 60	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk,	Vacant,	...	...	1	...	...	...	27	3	...	...	...	1	14	11 90	68 15	Dunkirk, Chautauqua.
East Williamson,	J. W. Te Winkel,	110	12	2	13	...	3	248	12	...	...	50	1	125	157 63	1,055 86	Williamson, Wayne.
Farmer Village,	Wm. H. Nasholds,	121	11	4	1	...	2	210	3	3	...	...	1	120	...	1,071 00	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co.
Geneva,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Lodi,	Chester P. Murray,†	88	4	...	4	...	2	188	1	2	...	...	1	175	228 76	1,432 12	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Marion,	Matthew Kolyn,	149	35	8	16	...	2	294	23	...	...	50	2	235	135 10	1,022 77	Marion, Wayne Co.
Mina,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mina, Chautauqua Co.
Ontario,*	Vacant,	20	13	22	...	...	1	35	3	...	...	...	1	30	2 75	75 00	Ontario, Wayne Co.
Pultneyville,	Vacant,	40	...	...	4	...	3	88	...	...	...	20	1	85	85 40	427 25	Pultneyville, Wayne.
Rochester,	Peter De Bruyn,	217	18	5	8	2	7	303	20	...	...	160	1	295	1,136 98	2,583 18	Rochester, Monroe.
Tyre,	Frederic W. Ruhle,	40	...	1	2	...	1	50	...	...	...	...	2	89	110 36	485 75	Malcolm, Seneca Co.
Total,	...	954	110	48	51	2	26	1826	97	6	...	414	14	1471	$2,100 44	$10,600 91	

St., Buffalo; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Emeritus pastor, Clymer, Chautauqua Co, N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuisen, Emeritus pastor, East Williamson, Wayne Co., N. Y.

* Organized August 8, 1884.

† Revised list.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens,	Herman Van Derwart,	98	10	10	..	..	3	174	....	4	57	.....	1	150	$247 47	$1,663 04	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens,	E. N. Sebring,	20	..	..	..	..	..	28	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	12 00	105 00	Leeds, N. Y.
First Catskill,	.....	250	12	2	8	....	7	442	8	3	224	175	3	290	779 28	3,282 30	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie,	Bergen B. Staats,	100	....	1	3	..	8	*155	4	....	45	51	3	185	238 93	1,434 41	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie,	John H. Salisbury,	140	8	5	4	....	4	229	5	6	68	150	1	200	659 54	2,179 92	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom,	Geo. J. Van Neste,	88	3	6	1	..	4	208	15	....	87	....	3	150	257 96	832 33	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds,	E. N. Sebring,	58	4	2	2	....	3	90	3	1	.....	....	1	68	98 00	765 67	Leeds, N. Y.
Totals,	.....	754	37	26	18	....	29	1386	35	14	481	376	12	1043	$2,293 18	$10,262 67	

Other Ministers.—Maurice G. Hausen, New Brunswick, N. J.; Benjamin Van Zandt (S. C.), Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Roe, Cairo, N. Y.; John B. Thompson, Berkeley, Cal.

Candidates.—John Henry Brandon, Wm. Henry Boocock, Henry R. DuBois, Melvin D. Brandon.

* 40 "non-resident" members not included.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.			C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville,	J. Campbell Boyd, S.S	43	2	..	....	..	1	40	..	1	.....	.. ..	1	90	$58 25	$406 00	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie,..	F. Stoddard Haines, .	180	65	21	....	..	5	*247	5	32	.....	.....	2	239	319 21	1,922 22	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia,	Vacant,	105	...	...	2	..	7	73	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	8 77	....	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville,	Vacant,	24	11	...	..	...	2	29	..	1	6	12	1	20	25 00	280 00	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown,	Vacant,	37	....	..	1	....	1	56	1	....	...	.....	1	50	55 54	1,183 78	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah,†	Vacant,	85		..	....	.....	....	135	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida,	Richard A. Pearse,	72	4	2	1	....	2	120	5	2	.....	.....	1	100	134 00	1,230 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda,	John A. DeBaun,	214	8	2	10	4	7	422	3	6	....	.. ..	5	340	558 10	2,213 60	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain,	James Demorest, Jr..	144	5	10	3	....	5	199	2	1	.....	70	1	140	319 66	2,650 78	Fort Plain, N. Y,
Fort Herkimer,	Vacant,																
Fultonville,	F. V. Van Vranken, .	115	6	5	4	1	5	129	8	1	.. ..	85	1	118	272 49	2,992 69	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen,	Sidney O. Lansing,	83	5	3	2		1	94	2	4	.....	.....	2	150	223 66	1,694 77	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills,	A. J. Hageman, S. C.,	100	15	2	2	...	2	157	6	7	54	75	3	220	275 72	981 70	Hagamen's Mills, N.Y.
Henderson,†	Daniel Lord,	26						23					1	25			Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer,	Henry M. Cox,	*115	7	1	1	...	4	*107	11	1	124	129	1	152	231 17	1,588 33	Herkimer, N. Y.
Manheim,†	Vacant,	40	....	....	....	....	....	65	..	....	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown,†	Vacant,	50	....	....	....	....	....	62	..	....	.....	.....	1	25	.....	.....	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk,	James Edmonson,	†80	....	3	3	....	1	88	..	....	.....	.....	1	110	57 00	1,357 00	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson,	J. R. Kyle,	102	3	..	5	....	3	190	5	....	65	20	1	142	186 98	7,635 86	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville,	Albert Dod Minor,†	†125	5	4	1	...	5	161	3	1	..	.. ..	1	152	89 75	2,826 44	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Stone Arabia,	Rufus M. Staubrough,	47	..	....	....	....	3	72	3	....	.....	.....	1	25	21 41	497 57	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Spraker's Basin,	Vacant,	36	2	...	1	....	1	31	..	1	.....	.....	1	45	35 00	300 00	Spraker's Basin, N. Y.
Totals,		1823	138	53	36	5	55	2560	54	58	249	391	27	2183	$2,871 71	$29,160 14	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Ruleskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.; Richard R. Williams, New York city.

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

COUNTY OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blooming Grove,	Jacob I. Gulick,	55	..	2	..	1	2	68	..	..	..	82	1	82	$83 33	$805 52	Defreestville, N. Y.
Castleton,	Alan D. Campbell,	110	4	5	4	...	1	193	5	3	50	.....	1	163	156 44	2,110 21	Castleton, N. Y.
Chatham,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	115	6	...	4	....	3	164	..	..	..	....	1	216	533 50	3,000 00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent,	John B. Drury,	*80	3	3	2	..	2	*101	2	1	40	35	1	115	270 00	2,704 00	Ghent, N. Y.
Second Ghent,	Isaac S. Schenck,	73	6	2	..		2	112	3	2	.....	.....	1	80	48 00	1,020 00	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush,	John Steele,	115	3	2	4	.	2	319	2	1	80	25	1	125	288 91	1,780 00	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook,	E. A. Collier, S. C.,	165	5	4	12	..	5	*284	1	1	....	90	1	146	1,617 88	3,204 81	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau,	J. Henry Bertholf,	141	5	6	5	...	6	269	7	2	.....	25	1	142	272 23	2,185 79	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	†30	...	...	...	...	...	†40	...	...	.....	.....	1	†36	.....	.....	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack,	William Veenschoten,	80	30	2	1	...	2	171	11	16	150	40	3	125	90 00	1,164 68	Multzeskill, N. Y.
Schodack Landing,	H. A. Hendrickson,	92	4	2	8	..	2	170	11	...	125	90	1	146	265 21	1,466 63	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Nevius,	60	.	..	3	...	6	69	.	.	52	.....	1	81	277 00	864 00	Stuyvesant,
Stuyvesant Falls,	.....	40	..	...	7	....	..	35	....	..	.....	.....	1	45	10 00	400 00	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1159	66	28	50	1	33	1995	42	26	497	387	15	1502	$3,912 50	$20,705 64	

Other Ministers—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired;* Rev. J. S. N. Demorest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, *suspended;* Rev. W. H. McGiffert, Kingston, N. Y.

* Revised. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Boght,	George I. Taylor.	24	....	...	1	...	1	33	...	...	.....	.....	1	53	$27 00	$513 65	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks,	James L. Southard,	44	1	....	1	....	...	63	....	1	7	.....	1	91	110 00	547 18	Buskirks, N. Y.
Cohoes,	J. Paschal Strong,	300	35	7	3	....	2	442	33	7	....	.....	1	400	400 00	6,712 00	Cohoes, N. Y.
Easton,	A. G. Cochran, S. S.,	20	1	1	...	..	2	*20	...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	150 00	Easton, N. Y.
Fort Miller,	.....	49	18	6	4	...	3	92	1	8	1	.....	1	80	26 00	520 11	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort,	.....	30	...	...	...	....	....	†24	....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland,	J. Webster Bailey,	80	2	3	....	...	2	87	...	2	..	.....	1	92	63 00	940 10	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Rensselaer,	George I. Taylor,	12	....	...	1	....	..	9	1	...	...	.....	1	35	.....	200 00	Cohoes, N. Y.
Saratoga,	.....	141	53	9	...	....	1	271	5	40	.....	...	1	250	140 65	2,106 17	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke,	.....	44	...	..	1	..	1	65	...	...	36	.....	1	65	31 50	... ...	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village,	Theodore Shafer,	64	2	5	5	....	1	171	....	2	.....	.....	1	52	33 15	1,776 09	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy (North),	J. W. Beardslee, S. C.,	118	1	4	10	....	1	*190	4	...	...	...	1	180	328 21	3,093 26	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy (South),	.....	182	16	13	5	....	3	281	10	2	203	152	1	312	890 73	3,088 95	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill,	Ira Van Allen,	82	8	....	..	....	....	114	13	5	.....	..	1	110	101 13	2,319 25	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1190	137	49	31	....	17	1868	70	68	247	152	12	1720	$2,176 37	$21,956 76	

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, D.D., West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Edw. G. Ackerman, Schaghticoke.

* Revised list.

† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Schenectady,	Wm. Elliott Griffis,	250	11	7	5	....	6	*335	10	1	.....	.....	3	600	$1,273 75	$4,850 51	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady,	Peter E. Kipp,	156	5	7	6	....	5	*232	6	...	.....	.....	1	195	291 41	2,617 45	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville,	N. F. Nickerson,	155	8	1	4	....	5	284	4	6	.....	.....	2	170	274 27	1,150 90	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville,	D. K. Van Doren,	80	11	...	3	...	...	169	....	8	.....	75	4	190	76 58	1,100 00	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam,	John C. Lowe,	64	3	...	2	...	3	118	5	1	.....	.....	3	150	115 30	850 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam,	L. Van Derveer,	50	4	1	....	1	3	79	....	3	.....	56	....	108	20 35	818 31	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg,	S. L. Gamble, S. C.,	217	10	5	1	..	3	472	9	1	49	.....	5	327	283 84	2,118 34	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna,	C. P. Ditmars,	120	4	11	3	...	1	223	13	3	122	150	1	175	321 40	1,403 14	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill,	E. A. McCullen,	93	31	3	2	....	2	173	5	13	65	115	3	220	123 00	1,501 13	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity,	B. A. Bartholf,	85	3	1	3	...	4	127	3	2	.....	70	1	150	294 51	1,344 00	Vischer's Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown,	J. Kelly Rhinehart,	85	...	..	2	...	....	240	5	....	70	75	1	145	164 38	1,096 00	Gifford, N. Y.
Total,		1355	90	36	31	1	32	2452	60	38	306	541	24	2430	$3,238 39	$18,749 78	

Other Ministers.—Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.
Candidates.—Jasper Hogan (Guilderland Centre, N. Y.); Robert Hogan (Guilderland Centre, N. Y.).

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
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Beaverdam,	Robert Doig,	62	2	....	1	..	...	118	....	....	24	40	1	120	$19 00	$360 00	Berne, N. Y.
Berne,	Robert Doig,	62	3	3	....	...	2	130	2	3	24	20	1	50	86 00	475 00	Berne, N. Y.
Breakabeen,	Vacant,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Central Bridge,	Wm. D. Buckelew,	30	...	2	1	....	....	17	....	....	.....	.....	1	40	1 35	400 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Gallupville,	J. Howard VanDoren,	50	...	2	3	..	5	95	1	...	15	30	1	80	51 07	712 99	Gallupville, N. Y.
Gilboa,	B. C. Miller, S. S.,	‡70	4	...	...	...	...	125	....	....	.....	.....	1	140	30 00	700 00	Gilboa, N. Y.
Lawyersville,	Vacant,	50	...	....	....	....	2	56	...	...	.....	10	1	60	34 00	626 00	Lawyersville, N. Y.
Middleburgh,	Vacant,	93	..	1	3	....	...	149	2	...	.....	.....	1	146	222 25	660 00	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Moresville,	Vacant,	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	Grand Gorge, N. Y.
North Blenheim,	Vacant,	30	....	..	1	....	....	39	....	....	.... ..	....	1	52	7 25	57 35	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Prattsville,	Vacant,†	70	4	....	....	....	9	90	2	4	.....	30	1	65	.....	800 00	Prattsville, N. Y.
Schoharie,	Vacant,	65	....	...	2	....	2	122	....	....	.. ...	.....	1	105	60 97	895 92	Schoharie, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain,	Wm. D. Buckelew,	40	...	...	2	....	..	89	...	...	.. ..	.....	1	80	15 90	400 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Sharon,	Andrew Parsons,	50	1	1	2	....	1	118	2	1	.....	45	1	107	46 35	658 50	Sharon Springs, N. Y.
South Gilboa,	Vacant,*	19	....	....	....	....	....	42	....	....	....	.. ..	1	60	.....	100 00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
Total,	.....	716	15	9	15	...	23	1256	9	8	63	193	14	1185	$577 72	$7,015 76	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. Thomas L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. William H. Carr, 225 Elm street, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. B. Miller, North Blenheim, N. Y.

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Blue Mountain,	Vacant,	119	...	...	5	.	5	243	3	...	.....	40	2	170	.....	$46 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Catskban,	Vacant,	75	8	4	..	...	2	128	6	3	126	.....	1	79	$613 05	1,214 76	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus,	Eugene Hill,	102	2	2	3	1	1	106	6	1	131	80	2	175	124 36	690 44	Saugerties, N. Y.
Flatbush,	A. A. Zabriskie,	100	5	1	6	....	7	176	9	1	.....	60	4	200	200 00	1,500 00	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Kingston,	J. G. Van Slyke,	250	15	8	5	1	13	482	6	7	..	.....	1	275	1,000 00	25,000 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Port Ewen,	B. C. Lippincott,	90	2	..	1	...	1	154	4	....	....	.. ..	1	135	143 45	1,570 46	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill,	Solomon T. Cole, S.S.,	142	22	4	1	...	6	*221	9	2	.....	.....	3	240	73 40	871 16	Glasco, N. Y.
Roxbury,	James F. King,	71	1	3	4	...	3	*93	2	1	.....	..	1	100	48 42	1,330 00	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties,	Denis Wortman,	305	10	13	1	..	6	315	5	2	150	125	1	.....	925 00	3,700 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken,	A. W. McGibbon,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	400 00	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan,	A. W. McGibbon,	.. ..	13	2	...	..	4	143	...	...	.....	.....	...	... ..	100 00	900 00	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville,	Vacant,	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.. ..	...	...	.....	.....	...	.. ..	.....	.....	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley,	Vacant,	.....	..	..	..	....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	52 05	458 71	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock,	Wm. A. Wurts,	63	6	2	2	....	3	128	15	2	60	49	1	131	37 39	739 75	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck,	Wm. A. Shaw, S. S.,	44	3	2	4	..	...	85	3	1	27	... ..	1	175	106 00	586 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Total,	.. ..	1238	89	40	34	2	57	2515	73	20	494	399	24	1944	$2,823 12	$43,161 28	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.; Rev. A. H. Myers, Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Rev. N. F. Chapman, Saugerties, N. Y.; Rev. I. N. Voorhis, (g. C.), Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Beekman, South Branch, Union Co., N. J.; Rev. S. H. Cobb, 84 Vesey street, N. Y. * Revised list.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Classes.	Census.			Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Albany,	17	20	1740	158	55	50	6	62	2941	79	44	.....	642	19	2735	$8,766 53	$37,022 13	Rev. J. L. Pearse.
Cayuga,	12	13	753	34	15	8	2	14	1106	21	16	.....	281	12	1424	3,289 34	19,943 92	Rev. C. O. Thatcher.
Geneva,	15	14	954	110	48	51	2	26	1826	97	6	.....	414	14	1471	2,106 44	10,660 91	Rev. John Whitbeck.
Greene,	7	14	754	37	26	18	...	29	1386	35	14	481	376	12	1042	2,293 18	10,262 67	Rev. B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery,	22	16	1823	138	53	36	5	55	2560	54	58	249	391	27	2183	2,871 71	29,160 14	Rev. A. Hageman.
Rensselaer,	13	15	1159	66	28	50	1	33	1995	42	26	497	387	15	1502	3,912 50	20,805 64	Rev. E. A. Collier.
Saratoga,	14	12	1190	137	49	31	...	17	1868	70	68	247	152	12	1720	2,176 37	21,956 76	Rev. J. W. Beardslee.
Schenectady,	11	15	1355	90	36	31	1	32	2452	60	38	306	541	24	2430	3,238 39	18,749 78	Rev. S. L. Gamble.
Schoharie,	15	11	716	15	9	15	...	23	1256	9	8	63	193	14	1185	577 72	7,015 76	Rev. Robert Doig.
Ulster,	15	21	1238	89	40	¼	2	57	2515	73	20	492	399	24	1944	2,823 12	43,161 28	Rev. J. N. Voorhis.
Total,	141	151	11682	874	359	324	19	348	19905	540	298	2355	3776	173	17637	$32,055 30	$218,738 99	

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH VISITATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev John N. Jansen appeared before Synod as Commissioner from the Board of Foreign Missions, and after making a statement of the work and its demands, the following paper was adopted, upon the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed to prepare it —

The Committee to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of this Synod in respect to the address of Rev. J. N. Jansen, the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, would respectfully report:

That the Synod has heard with satisfaction the encouraging statements submitted, and rejoice that the past year has brought to the treasury of the Board a measure of relief. The contribution by the Churches in this year of business depression of $90,000, we accept as an evidence that the Churches are heartily in sympathy with this work and a pledge that they purpose to sustain it with vigor. We hope and believe that what has been done is not the result of a spasmodic effort, but the first fruits of a general and improved system of gathering the offerings of the Churches for this work. If so it is indeed the dawn of a brighter day for our Foreign Missions. That the coming year may witness the maintenance of the gifts for this work at the same place as has now been reached, and an advance beyond it commensurate with the needs of the work, your Committee would propose the following resolutions:

1. That all our Churches be urged to adopt systematic methods for developing the interest and liberality of their people in the work of Foreign Missions.

2. That, to this end, it be recommended to every Church to maintain a Monthly Concert of Prayer,

and a Womens' Auxilary. And that particular pains be taken to organize the Sabbath schools in behalf of this work.

3. That it be suggested to Pastors and Consistories that frequent collections in behalf of this cause are more likely to secure from the Churches a proper and proportionate amount of gifts, than one or two collections, and wherever feasible, a special canvass of the congregation will deepen interest and develop liberality.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. DRURY.
WM. ELLIOT GRIFFIS,
JEREMIAH OVERBAUGH.

ARTICLE XII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Edwin F. See,	Rev. W. R. Davis,
" H. K. Boer,	" A. M. Arcularius,
" J. Paige Davis,	" Edwin Vedder.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Wm. H. Yates,	J. Townsend Lansing,
James Baker,	Isaac Beach,
Walter Hotaling,	Isaac Van Allen.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. Van Slyke, D. D.	Rev. I. S. Hartley, D. D.
" C. Otis Thatcher,	" Henry Ungland,
" J. W. Vaughan,	" John M. Reiner.

Elders.	*Elders.*
R. A. Bonta,	E. S. Brayton,
E. F. Larston,	Wm. De Graff,
Jacob Colyer,	F. Schleider.

Classis of Geneva.

Ministers.	*Ministers*
Rev. Wm. H. Nasholds,	Rev. Peter De Bruyn,
" Matthew Kolyn,	" Dirk J. De Bey,
" Chester P. Murray,	" Frederic W. Ruhl.

Elders.	*Elders.*
William De Die,	J. Van der Boegh,
C. V. H. Morris,	Cornelius Peterson,
Wm. Anderson,	G. J. Dunnewold.

Classis of Greene.

Miinsters.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Bergen B. Staats,	Rev. H. Vander Wart,
" Elbert N. Sebring,	" J. H. Salisbury,
" S. W. Roe, D. D.,	" B. Van Zandt, D. D.

Elders.	*Elders.*
W. H. Van Orden,	Jas. E. Elting,
W. L. King,	C. J. Collier,
A. V. B. Armstrong,	Jeremiah Overbaugh.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Albert D. Minor,	Rev. John Minor,
" Francis S. Haines,	" R. M. Stanbrough,
" J. R. Kyle,	" Richard A. Pearse,
" F. V. Van Vranken,	" J. A. De Baun, D. D.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Oliver Suits,	Richard Schuyler,
Frank Kirby,	P. S. Wiers,
L. L. Dean,	John Yauney,
W. W. Kline,	J. D. Hover.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D.,	Rev. Theo. S. Brown,
" Elbert Nevius,	" J. B. Drury, D. D.,
" Alan D. Campbell,	" Isaac S. Schenck.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Peter G. Ten Eyck,	Wm. C. Bailey,
John T. Ham,	Samuel Adams,
Jacob I. Mesick,	Andrew J. Sherwood.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers*
Rev. George I. Taylor,	Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D.D.
" Ira Van Allen,	" Edw. G. Ackerman,
" James L. Southard,	" Theodore Shafer.
Elders.	*Elders.*
James H. Harmon,	David H. Van Auken,
J. A. De Ridder,	J. H. Deyoe,
Geo. T. H. Knapp,	A. T. Van Vranken, M.D.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Lauren Vanderveer,	Rev. Peter E. Kipp,
" B. A. Bartholf,	" C. P. Ditmars,
" Samuel L. Gamble,	" John C. Lowe.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Abram Van Vranken,	C. E. Kingsbury,
W. T. S. Landers,	G. L. Van Allen,
Matt. Livingston,	John A. Wilsie.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. H. Van Doren,	Rev. Andrew Parsons,
" Robert Doig,	" Edward Miller,
" Wm. D. Buckelew,	" Wm. P. Davis.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Hon. Peter S. Danforth,	John Hyney,
H. R. Brown,	James S. Hays,
Theodore Owen,	Elias Bassler.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. N. F. Chapman,	Rev. Eugene Hill,
" B. C. Lippincott,	" Wm. W. Wurts,
" A. A. Zabriskie,	" D. Wortman, D. D.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Peter H. Freligh,	James E. Van Aken,
John L. Hutchings,	Charles Shufelt,
David Griffin,	John E. Lasher.

ARTICLE XIII.

Particularia.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed of which the Stated Clerk shall be Chairman, and that said Committee be authorized to examine the Rules of Order of this Synod and if in their judgment the Rules need no revision, to have them printed with the Minutes of the Synod for this year and to have 500 copies issued in pamphlet form: if however, the Committee is of the opinion that the Rules should be revised, the Committee shall revise them and submit their revision to the Synod next year.

The President appointed the following as said Committee. The Stated Clerk, Revs. John B. Drury, D.D., and John A. DeBaun, D.D.

2. The Stated Clerk was authorized to print 425 copies of the Minutes.

3. The Rev. Edwin F. See, was chosen to preach the special sermon on the evening of the second day

of the next regular session, with Rev. H. M. Cox as Secundus. Subject "Encouragements and Discouragements of Pastoral work."

4. *Resolved*, That the several Stated Clerks of Classis be requested to send on a separate blank the statement of all ministerial changes during the year.

5. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the church of Herkimer whatever amount of actual expense they may incur in the entertainment of the next Synod.

6. The privileges of the house were accorded the following clergymen, Revs. T. S. Haines, and F. V. Vranken of the Classis of Montgomery, Rev. John N. Jansen of the Classis of Passaic, Rev. S. C. Gamble of the Classis of Schenectady, Revs. Baum and Miller, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. Mr. Parsons of the M. E. Church.

7. WHEREAS, There seems to be at present no provision in our church Constitution for the amendment of either its Doctrinal or Liturgical parts, therefore

Resolved, That this Particular Synod of Albany hereby respectfully memorialize the General Synod to devise some method of changing these two parts.

ARTICLE XIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Pastor and people of the Reformed Church at Fort Plain for their abundant hospitality, and kind and cordial entertainment; and that the Pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called.

The session was closed with prayer by the President.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church at Herkimer, on the invitation of the Pastor, on the first Tuesday in May, 1886, at 3 o'clock P. M.

ANDREW J. HAGEMAN, *President,*
JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, *Vice-President.*

EGBERT C. LAWRENCE,
GEORGE L. VAN ALLEN, M.D., } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy of Minutes.

JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1885.

1864. Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. J. A Lansing, D.D., Fonda.
1866. Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston,
1867. John L. McNair, 2d Albany.
1868. Philip Peltz, D.D., Saugerties.
1869. B. Van Zandt, D.D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. John A. De Baun, D.D., W. Troy (North).
1871. S. J. Rodgers, Kinderhook.
1872. R. W. Clark, D.D., Canajoharie.
1873. J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., Cohoes.
1874. Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
1875. Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. John B. Thompson, D.D., W.Troy (South)
1877. Alex. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village.
1878. J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. Edw. A. Collier, D. D., Chatham Village.
1880. Geo. J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. John B. Drury, D. D., Saugerties.
1882. Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. Evert Van Slyke, D.D., Schoharie.
1884. Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.
1885. Andrew J. Hageman, Fort Plain.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."
1872. E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the church."
1873. John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."
1874. T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."
1875. J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."
1876. J. A. De Baun, "The expectations of the church of God."
1877. Charles N. Waldron, "Systematic Beneficence."
1878. C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."
1879. H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidenced faith."
1880. W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the gospel."
1881. I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength."
1882. Sanford H. Cobb, "The evil, cause and cure of short pastorates."
1883. William E. Griffis, "The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate."
1884. Alan D. Campbell, "The Revised Version of the New Testament."
1885. Wm. A. Shaw, "The old and the true in the new theology."

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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD AND CALLING THE ROLL.

The Particular Synod of Albany convened in Regular Session in the Reformed Church at Herkimer, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 4th, 1886, at 8 o'clock P. M., and continued in session until Wednesday evening.

The following members were present:

Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Jacob F. Neef,*	Wm. Mausert.

Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. C. O. Thatcher,	Samuel Bonta,
" Henry Frech,	Fred. Schaufer, Jr.
" J. W. Vaughan,	

Classis of Geneva.

Classis of Greene.

Rev. B. B. Staats,	W. L. King.
" B. Van Zandt, D.D.,	

Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. J. Demarest, D.D.,†	Philip S. Wiers,
" J. R. Kyle,	Thomas Cunningham,
" Albert Dod Minor,	Abm. Van Horne.
" Theo. A. Beekman,	

* Excused after 4 P. M., second day.

† Excused on evening of second day.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Isaac S. Schenck,	Philip Engle,
" E. A. Collier, D.D.	Thomas N. Lape.

Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. Ed. A. McCullum,	Samuel Sheldon.
" Ira Van Allen,	
" J. W. Beardslee,	

Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. J. C. Lowe,	L. Ellwood, M.D.,*
" Robert Doig,	Martin Ham,
" B. A. Bartholf,	Andrew Van Derberg.

Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. J. G. Smart,	P. S. Danforth.†
" J. H. Van Doren,	

Classis of Ulster.

Rev. J. N. Voorhis,	Jacob Snyder.
" C. Van Santvoord, DD.	P. M. Gillespy,
" J. G. Van Slyke, D.D.	T. P. Osterhoudt.
" W. L. James,	

ARTICLE II.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

After the opening, Synod spent the first hour in devotional services under the direction of the President who opened the session with prayer.

On the evening of the first day of the session, the retiring President preached from 2 Cor. 4 : 2, "By manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

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* Excused after first day.

† Excused after second forenoon.

The first half hour of the morning session of the second day was spent in devotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the following persons taking part, services beginning at 3 P. M. The President of Synod presided and read the form. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D.D. Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D., distributed the bread; Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D.D. the wine. Assisting Elders, Samuel Sheldon, Jacob Snyder, Abm. Van Horne, Philip Engle.

On the evening of the second day, in the absence of Rev. Edwin F. See, appointed by the last Synod, the Rev. Denis Wortman, D.D., by special request of Synod, preached from the last clause of the 13th Chap. of First Corinthians, "The Divine Love."

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D.D., was elected President; the Rev. Robert Doig, Vice-President; the Rev. B. B. Staats and the Rev. Theodore A. Beekman, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER AND VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

READING MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee on Revising and Printing Rules of Order, appointed by the last Synod, reported. Their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Rules of Order would report that after examining those found in the printed Minutes of 1875, they did not deem any revision specially needed; but in view of the overture from the Classis of Montgomery, have thought it wise to wait until after this meeting, before printing them. We recommend that the Committee be instructed to comply with the action of last year, after embodying any suggestions which may be made at the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEARDSLEE,
Chairman.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, Elder Thos. N. Lape,
" Isaac S. Schenck, " Jacob Snyder.
" Jacob F. Neef,

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. J. N. Voorhis, Elder Thos. Cunningham,
" J. C. Lowe, " Wm. Mausert.
" B. A. Bartholf,

On Synodical Report.

Rev. E. A. Collier, Elder Martin Ham,
" E. A. McCullum, " P. M. Gillespy.
" Henry Frech,

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. A. D. Minor. Elder P. S. Wiers,
" C. Van Santvoord, " Tunis Osterhoudt.
" J. H. Van Doren,

On Accounts.

Rev. J. W. Beardslee,
" J. H. Van Doren,
" C. O. Thatcher,
Elder Samuel Bonta,
" A. Van Denberg.

On Nominations and Religious Exercises.

Rev. J. G. Smart,
" Ira Van Allen,
" J. R. Kyle,
Elder L. Ellwood, M.D.,
" W. L. King.

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. W. L. James,
" B. A. Bartholf,
" J. C. Lowe,
Elder Abm. Van Horne,
" Samuel Sheldon.

On Necrology.

Rev. John A. De Baun.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick were received.

The following delegates were appointed to the Particular Synods:

To the Particular Synod of New York, Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D.

To the Particular Synod of Chicago, Hon. P. S. Danforth.

To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Rev. E. A. McCullum.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Classis of Montgomery in regard to religious exercises of Synod.

It was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The Treasurer's accounts and vouchers were read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A communication from Rev. J. L. Pearse, Stated Clerk of the Classis of Albany, was read and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report of the Special Committee on the South Church of West Troy, appointed last year, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them. Their report was accepted and ordered to be forwarded to the Committee appointed by the General Synod on the same subject, and the Committee discharged.

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The following Committees reported. Their reports were accepted and adopted and are as follows:

Committee on Synodical Minutes.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, New Brunswick and Chicago, as well as those of the General Synod of 1885, have been laid before them, and they discover nothing requiring our special attention, except the action recommended by the last General Synod (Minutes, page 745): This recommendation is that each of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and New Brunswick, shall have one representative in a separate Board of Superintendents, to have supervision of the Theological Department of Hope College; we therefore recommend that this Synod, by its Committee on Nominations, shall designate one such representative from the Particular Synod of Albany; to be elected by the

next General Synod, and we recommend that the expenses of such representative shall be provided for by General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. VAN SLYKE.

Committee on Classical Minutes.

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of all the Classes belonging to the Particular Synod.

In the main your committee find that the records have been neatly kept, and in general with accuracy.

An examination of the answers made to the constitutional inquiries still shows that there are many negative answers. By resolution passed by Particular Synod a year ago a request was made that the stated clerks of the several Classes "Note the number of boards and funds for which contributions have been made." With the exception of the Classes of Montgomery and Schoharie, this has not been observed.

In the Minutes of the Classis of Schoharie there is an irregularity in reference to the dismission of the licentiate John G. Fagg, from the Classis of Wisconsin to the Classis of Schoharie. The Classis of Wisconsin regarded his certificate of licensure as equivalent to a certificate of transfer and he was on the strength of that certificate received and examined for ordination by the Classis of Schoharie.

We recommend the following action.

"*Resolved*, That the Minutes of the Classis of Schoharie be approved excepting only their irregular action in receiving Rev. John G. Fagg, and that they be directed to call upon the Classis of Wisconsin for a regular certificate of dismission:"

In the Minutes of the Classis of Cayuga is this resolution: "That our delegate to Particular Synod be requested to call the attention of Particular Synod

to the vacant churches within its bounds and ask the Synod to take such action as they may deem proper to fill the vacancies."

The committee would say: That this being a Classical act, the committee have no suggestions to make.

In the Minutes of the Classis of Albany the overture of General Synod to the effect that six Ministers and six Elders shall constitute a quorum for the Particular Synod was agreed to by the unanimous vote of the Classis.

J. N. VOORHIS,
Chairman.

Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

There have been placed in the hands of your Committee the following communications:

1. A paper desiring that this Particular Synod request the General Synod "to take such measures as in their wisdom may seem practicable, favorable to" an organic union with the Reformed Church in the United States, in consideration of the fact that the General Synod of that church has already taken action which will bring the question of Union before our own General Synod.

2. A memorial from the Classis of Montgomery, requesting that the Particular Synod make some changes in its mode of conducting its religious exercises, suggesting the following method of procedure: 1. The Synodical sermon to be preached at the opening of the session; 2. The evening of the first day to be devoted to the discussion of topics relating to practical Christian work; 3. The evening of the second day to be devoted to the discussion of the practical duties arising out of the needs of denominational work.

With regard to the first communication, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of Albany wishes to give expression to the General Synod. of its desire that the Reformed Church in America effect an organic union with the Reformed Church in the United States, if, in the judgment of the General Synod such union be feasible.

With regard to the second communication, your Committee recommends the adoption of the suggestions of the memorial of the Classis of Montgomery.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT DOD MINOR,
Chairman.

The report was amended by striking out the first resolution of the Committee, and referring the second with the memorial to the Committee on the Revision of the Rules of order.

The Report was then adopted.

Committee on Accounts.

Your Committee on Accounts have received the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of Synod, find them correct and recommend that they be approved and printed in the Minutes.

The Treasurer also presents his resignation and requests the appointment of his successor. Inasmuch as the duties of the Treasurer are confined to a few items which can be more easily performed by the Stated Clerk than by any one else, we recommend that the resignation be accepted with thanks of Synod for his services and that the Stated Clerk be elected Treasurer.

J. W. BEARDSLEE,
Chairman.

CHAS. E. KINGSBURY, Treasurer.

In account with PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1885.	Dr.	
May 6,	" To am't rec'd from Isaac Fondey, late Treas.....	$110 41

Sept. 8,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Schenectady,		14 00
" 8,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Rensselaer,		18 00
" 19,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Cayuga..		9 00
" 19,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Schoharie,		8 00
" 19,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Montgomery,		20 00
" 19,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Albany,.		24 00
" 22,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Green,. .		12 00
Oct. 9,	"	To am't rec't from Classis of Geneva,		9 00
Dec. 1,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Saratoga.		14 00
April 12,	"	To am't rec'd from Classis of Ulster...		18 00
				$256 41
1885.	Cr.			
June 2,	By Cash paid Joel Munsell's Sons account printing, ...		$75 00	
Sept. 8,	By Cash paid Joel Munsell's Sons account printing (bal.).....		51 50	
1886 May 1,	By Cash Postage,.....		45	
				126 95
		Cash on hand,		$129 46

Committee on Necrology.

The Committee on Necrology would respectfully report.

During the past year there have been three deaths of ministers within the bounds of this Particular Synod.

The Rev. Alexander C. Millspaugh, a member of the Classis of Albany, and pastor of the church of Unionville, died Dec. 3d, 1885. He was born in Orange Co. N. Y., in 1810, was educated at Rutgers College and New Brunswick Thelogical Seminary, and was licensed by the Classis of Orange in 1841. He was settled successively at Middletown Village, at Jerusalem and Onesquethaw, at Schoharie Mountain, and Central Bridge, and at Unionville. He was a modest, earnest, devoted man, whose heart was in his work and whose work was crowned with the Divine blessing.

He was of genial disposition, and through his long life held the respect and confidence of all his brethren by his own manifest spiritual mindedness, and by his fraternal sympathy.

In the 76th year of his age he died, as a servant of God might well wish to die, with his harness on, being stricken down with paralysis while preaching a funeral sermon on the Sabbath preceding his death.

The Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D. D., a member of the Classis of Saratoga, died in West Troy, Dec. 11th, 1885, aged 76 years. He was educated at Rutgers and Amherst Colleges, and at Princeton and New Brunswick Theological Seminaries, and was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick in 1831.

He was pastor of the church of Farmerville for 7 years, and after that was pastor at West Troy, for 34 years, when feeling the infirmities of advancing age he resigned his pastorate, though he continued to live for the remainder of his days in the midst of the people whom he had loved and served so long.

Dr. Gregory was characterized by two traits which secured at once the respect and the affection of not only his own people, but of the entire community, *fidelity to the Master's work*, so that it was often remarked of him, "He is a minister, every day," and a *spontaneous brotherhood* with every one about him. He was the personal friend of every one who attended his ministrations, and of those who never darkened the doors of his church, and to all alike he was at once the minister of Christ and the cheery, companionable friend. He too, though not a settled pastor for several years, was permitted to testify for our Lord to the last, being stricken with his last illness, only two days before his death, while he was making an address in the weekly prayer-meeting, of his old church. The esteem in which he was held by his brethren was shown by his election to the Presidency of the General Synod in 1860.

The Rev. Abraham H. Myers, one of the oldest ministers of our Reformed Church, a member of the Classis of Ulster, died at Port Ewen, N. Y., March 2d, 1886, in the 85th year of his age. He was born at Westerlo, N. Y., was graduated from Union College, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and

licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick in 1830. During his long ministry he served in the pastorate of thirteen different churches in all of which he did acceptable and faithful work for our Lord. His preaching is thus characterised by one who knew him well. "He was a Christful man, in whom the truth was the staple of life, and the sum of its teaching. It pervaded his sermons like an incarnation. It was the web and woof of all his public ministrations, he was intent only on preaching Christ and him crucified."

Retiring from his last pastorate in 1878, at the age of 77 years, he removed to Port Ewen, where he passed his remaining years, exempted from further active service. Several revivals of religion, resulting in many conversions, and additions to several of the churches he served, attested the efficiency of his service for Christ, and the favor which the Master bestowed upon it. His record as a true and devoted laborer in the Lord's vineyard, is uniform in every field he was called to cultivate.

These all died in faith, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

J. A. De Baun,
Chairman.

Committee on Synodical Report.

As we review the reports of the churches of the Classis of Albany, we find not merely a dry statistical record, but a *work* that has produced great fruitfulness. Signs appear of spiritual power and growth. All the churches speak in words of thankfulness to God for His abundant mercy and favor toward them. Church work has been actively and efficiently prosecuted, contributions to benevolent objects have increased, and there are gratifying indications of advance all along the line.

In the Classis of Cayuga, *Utica* reports general prosperity and new efforts in the development of benevolence.

Chittenango records a year rich with many blessings and a deeper interest than for some time.

Owasco reports a hopeful spiritual condition and many signs of growth; among them, the removal of debt and church improvements.

Thousand Isles records a year of prosperity and a growing interest in Bible study and in all the concerns of the church.

West Leyden reports some discouragements, but other encouragements which make the outlook for the future more hopeful.

Naumburg has increased in spiritual life though not in numbers.

The Classis of GENEVA reports God's favor to individual churches and to the Classis as a whole.

The *Abbe* Church has enjoyed steady growth, both numerical and spiritual.

Arcadia reports some growth, but a lack of spiritual prosperity anticipated.

Clymer rejoices in the reception of a long expected blessing, adding twenty-five to their church roll.

Marion speaks of encouraging prospects and of decided progress in the branch church at Palmyra, where a house of worship has been obtained.

Rochester reports the week of prayer as a joyous occasion for many, and speaks of the desire of the younger people for the organization of an English speaking church; a desire deserving most careful consideration and occasioning considerable perplexity.

Tyre praises God for the mighty work of the Holy Spirit, as a partial result of which, twenty-one have been received on confession.

In the Statistical table there is a gratifying increase in nearly every column.

The Classis of GREENE expresses gratitude for grace and prosperity vouchsafed from the beginning to the end of the year.

The reports from the various churches are regarded as eminently encouraging and the year as conspicuous in material, if not spiritual progress. Though there have been no great ingatherings, yet every church has had tokens of the Divine presence.

1*st Athens* reports great spiritual blessing and an excellent financial condition.

2*d Athens* records contributions exceeding those of any recent year.

Catskill speaks gratefully of unity, activity, increased congregations, growth in grace and accessions from the world at every communion; but also records reasons for humility and sorrow because of the compromising contact of some with the world.

1*st Coxsackie* reports a prosperous financial condition, an encouraging degree of spiritual prosperity, but failure to reach the expected standard in the "grace of giving."

2*d Coxsackie* report a good degree of spiritual and financial prosperity and the cancellation of debt without any serious decrease in benevolent contributions.

Kiskatom laments indifference and inconsistency on the part of some church members and the prevalence of Sabbath breaking; but testifies to the quiet working of the leaven of the Word and the confirming power of the Holy Ghost, and to the decided development of the spirit of beneficence.

Leeds reports successful efforts to improve their church property, a marked increase of spiritual interest since the communion in March, and that on the whole they have been greatly favored both temporally and spiritually.

From these reports and the statistical tables it appears that in this Classis, "in all prominent particulars a decided success has attended the efforts put forth to build up Zion."

In the Classis of MONTGOMERY *Canajoharie* records a year of encouraging progress in benevolence and in general church work.

Columbia now provided with a pastor, is encouraged by seeing a growing unity, increased interest and a hopeful spiritual growth.

Cranesville reports church improvements and a hopeful outlook.

Currytown has a pastor elect. Although without a pastor for ten months it was not without God's converting strengthening Spirit.

Fonda has been greatly encouraged by the manifest influence of the Holy Spirit, has liquidated a debt of $1,500 and has had every department of church work in prosperous operation.

Fort Plain also records its gratitude for a more than usual manifestation of the grace of the Holy Spirit, producing a revived interest, which, it is hoped, may develop more and more.

Fort Herkimer seems awakening to a new spiritual life.

Fultonville records a measure of spiritual blessing, increased benevolent contributions and removal of debt.

Glen has been graciously revived, some of the fruits have been gathered, others remain to be brought in. The church has exceeded the calls of the Board of Missions.

Hagaman's Mills is hopeful as to the near future. Efforts to build a chapel and enlarge the church are now in progress.

Henderson is continuing its work with courage amid many discouraging circumstances.

Herkimer has reason to believe that decided spiritual progress has been made; and the seed that has been sown is evidently germinating.

Mapleton is expecting to have a pastor soon.

Mohawk, though without a pastor since January, has kept up a good degree of interest in Christian work and is hoping to welcome a pastor before long.

Port Jackson reports no large ingathering but considerably increased benevolent contributions and an efficient Woman's Missionary Society.

St. Johnsville speaks hopefully of the future and notes a marked growth of the Sunday School.

Spraker thankfully reports increased interest.

In review of all the reports it is evident that the Classis has shared in the revival spirit which has so recently vivified the churches of many names in our land. Taking the attitude of waiting and watching, great things may be expected in the near future.

The Classis of RENSSELAER reports on the whole a year of general prosperity.

2d *Ghent*, *Kinderhook* and *Muitzeskill* have made considerable special contributions for congregational purposes, the first named for the thorough renewal of their church edifice. *Castleton* also, whose church building has met with serious injury, is preparing vigorously to build a new church.

In the aggregate result there has been a gratifying increase in benevolence. If it be true that "The more we give, the more we live," our Classis has lived more the past year than for many years before. Three of the churches have exceeded in their contributions the amount apportioned to them for Foreign and Domestic Missions. In three churches the envelope system has been used with much success. The benevolent contributions of our Sabbath Schools are equaled by only ten Classes in the whole denomination.

Several churches report precious revival seasons. *Castleton* has nearly doubled its church school, and has received some of the scholars into the church and expects more. *Schodack Landing* says: "the Lord

has done great things for us whereof we are glad." *Kinderhook* also has been greatly blessed of late, although so recently that the results do not appear in the statistical table for this year.

The Classis of SARATOGA reports a general reduction in all statistics, owing largely to the loss of a large number of members from the South Church of West Troy, and partly to a revision of statistics by the church of Cohoes. All the churches report peace, prosperity and hopefulness. All but two are supplied with pastors or stated supplies.

The church at the *Boght* reports a remarkable religious awakening. Their number has increased from thirty-three to seventy-one.

While the church at *Buskirks* reports but one addition, they speak of signs of encouragement, especially in the Sabbath School. "The Ladies Missionary Society has rendered valuable aid in the matter of benevolence."

The church of *Northumberland* reports the gracious outpouring of God's Spirit. Not only have they received over thirty members, but the church has been generally revived. A Young People's Prayer Meeting, has been organized and is conducted with interest and zeal.

The *North Church of West Troy* enters upon the new year with good courage. They mourn the loss, by death, of several valuable members. They also report the death of the Rev. Dr. Gregory, who while not a member of that church, had long been its pastor, and to the day of his death an attendant, and a personal friend of the pastor, and an earnest helper in every good work. They report their Sunday School as increasing in numbers.

The *South Church of West Troy* has suffered the loss of near its entire membership, they having united with the Presbytery of Albany, and were by

that body organized into the Jermain Memorial Church. The few who were faithful to the old church have retained their organization, and have during a portion of the year sustained preaching services in Park Place Hall. They still retain their Missionary Spirit as is seen by their contribution of over one hundred dollars to the Boards of the Church.

The Classis of SCHENECTADY reports great reason for encouragement, that most of their churches have been touched by the influences of the Holy Spirit, some largely blessed; that there has been an advance in the line of benevolence beyond any single year perhaps in the history of the Classis, and that the churches are awakening to the importance of training and caring for the young. *First Schenectady*, *First Glenville* and *Amity* report unusually large accessions on confession. *Second Schenectady* and *First Glenville* records the flourishing condition of their Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and a generally hopeful condition.

2*d Glenville*, vacant for six months has now a pastor, and hopes that ripe fruit of earnest prayer and labor may soon appear.

1*st Rotterdam* records no special interest, some discouragement because of Sabbath desecration, but a strong hope of larger blessing in the year to come.

2*d Rotterdam* reports an excellent financial condition, the organization of a new Sunday School, and a more than three fold increase in benevolent contributions.

Niskayuna also reports increased benevolence, exceeding the apportionment for both Missionary Boards.

Princetown speaks of healthful progress.

The Classis of SCHOHARIE does not report very encouragingly. The lack of conversions in many

churches, is the saddest fact in their annual report. In several churches no accessions have been reported. Their report says that "what the churches most need is a thorough work of grace. It is not from a lack of money that many of the churches languish, but from want of more grace." Seven churches are vacant; three of them greatly discouraged by reason of financial difficulties; two more expect to ask aid of the Board of Domestic Missions, while another feels unable to continue self supporting. Four of the churches raised their apportionment for Foreign Missions, and two for Domestic.

Cobleskill, lately organized, presents its first report. Originating as a result of a gracious revival, it reports fifty families and twenty-one communicants, with a lot given, and $2,700 raised for a church building.

Schoharie reports both temporal and Spiritual prosperity and a hopeful outlook for the future.

Schoharie Mountain has enjoyed a rich Spiritual blessing, and a marked growth in Christain beneficence.

The reports of the Classis of ULSTER are in the main encouraging. Some churches have been less signally blessed than others, but none deplore a year entirely barren of results.

The *Blue Mountain Church* rejoices in a united people and in God's seal upon the work of pastor and people as witnessed by the reception of twenty-six persons into the communion.

Caatsban speaks of earnestness in church work, and claims that, "all things considered, it is the banner church of the Classis as regards benevolence."

Flatbush reports much religious interest, as a part of the result of which, twenty-six persons have been received into the church.

Kingston records a full church, large attendance on the prayer meetings, and the reception of forty-two persons to their communion.

Port Ewen also has been blessed, and its church property improved.

Plattekill has enjoyed a healthy increase of Spiritual life.

Saugerties reports gratifying financial prosperity with good degree of Spiritual blessing.

Woodstock rejoices in a general advance in Spiritual life, and important church improvements,

Wiltwyck records a good Spiritual condition evidenced in many ways.

A comparison of the summary view of the Synod of this year with that of last year, reveals an apparent decrease in the totals of every column except those of contributions, in both which there is a most gratifying increase.

The comparison is quite misleading as an indication of real decrease. Several churches have revised their lists of families and communicants; in one instance *so* thoroughly that more than one hundred reported communicants have been dropped. So radical a revision should not be necessary in one year. Another perplexing fact is that the totals of the separate Classes are not in every instance correct. Very serious errors appear which vitiate comparisons based upon them.

On the whole, the reports from the Classes indicate a year of increased Christian activity; of unusual Spiritual blessing, which gives promise of harvests still to be gathered in, and of very marked increase in contributions for benevolent as well as congregational purposes. With thankfulness for the past and courageous hearts for the future, let us "ask great things, attempt great things and expect great things," and we shall surely have great things.

Several Classes speak of the tardiness of some churches in sending their reports to the chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion, thus preventing the preparation of as complete, careful and yet concise reports, as are so much to be desired.

Your committee recommend that the Classes take special care to prevent such delays in the future. And we do not regard it as improper to ask the Stated Clerks of the Classes, to see that the totals of the Statistical Tables are accurately added.

The following Ministerial changes are reported.

Resp. Submitted,

E. A. COLLIER,
Chairman.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Received.

Rev. William E. Faulkner, from the Presbytery of Albany, June 22d, 1885.

Rev. John Scarlet, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Feb. 18th, 1886.

Rev. Andrew Parsons, from the Classis of Schoharie, April 20th, 1886.

Installed.

Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, over the 1st church of Albany, May 7th, 1885.

Rev. W. E. Faulkner, over the church of Westerlo, July 7th, 1885.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Edwin Vedder and the church of Jerusalem, Sept. 15th, 1885.

Between Rev. H. K. Boer and Holland church of Albany, Nov. 20th, 1885.

Between Rev. Edwin F. See and the 3d church of Albany, April 20th, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. Edwin Vedder, to Classis of Schoharie, Sept. 15th, 1885.

Rev. H. K. Boer, to Classis of Iowa, Nov. 20th, 1885.

Rev. Edwin F. See, to South Classis of Long Island, April 20th, 1886.

Died.

Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, Dec. 14th, 1885.

Classis of Cayuga.

Received.

Rev. Henry Frech, from the North Classis of Long Island.

Installed.

Rev. Henry Unglaub, over the churches of Naumberg and New Bremen, May 14th, 1885.

Rev. Henry Frech, over the churches of West Leyden and Point Rock, January 27th, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. John M. Reiner, to Classis of Hudson.

Rev. Frederic Kern, to Classis of Newark.

Classis of Greene.

Received.

Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D. D., from the Classis of Cayuga, June 16th, 1885.

Installed.

Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D. D., over the church of Catskill, June 16th, 1885.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Herman Vanderwart and the church of Athens.

Dismissed.

Rev. Herman Vanderwart, to the Classis of Bergen, April 20th, 1886

Rev. John B. Thompson, D. D., to the Presbytery of Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 15th, 1885.

Rev. Maurice G. Hansen, to the South Classis of Long Island, April, 1886.

Classis of Montgomery.

Received.

Rev. Garret Wyckoff, from the Classis of Raritan, March 8th, 1886.

Licentiate, Theo. A. Beekman, from the Classis of Raritan, Nov. 9th, 1885.

Ordained and Installed.

Licentiate, Theo. A. Beekman, over the church of Columbia, Nov. 9th, 1885.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. R. M. Stanbrough and the church of Stone Arabia, Sept 15th, 1885.

Between Rev. James Edmonson, and the church of Mohawk, Jan. 4th, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. R. M. Stanbrough, to Classis of Ulster, Sept. 5th, 1885.

Rev. James Edmonson, to Presbytery of Osage, Jan. 4th, 1886.

Rev. John Minor, to Presbytery of Utica, April 5th, 1886.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Wm. Veenschoten and the church of Schodack, Feb. 16th, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. Wm. Veenschoten, to Classis of Hudson, Feb. 16th, 1886.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Received.

Rev. Edward A. McCullum, from the Classis of Schenectady, March 15th, 1886.

Installed.

Rev. Edward A. McCullum, over the church of Saratoga, April 7th, 1886.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Theo. Shafer and the church of Union Village, April 20th, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. Edward G. Ackerman, to Classis of Paramus, Nov. 17, 1885.

Died.

Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D. D., Dec. 11th, 1885.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Received.

Rev. Robert Doig, from the Classis of Schoharie, Dec. 16th, 1885.

Installed.

Rev. Robert Doig, over the 2d church of Glenville, Jan. 11th, 1886.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. D. K. Van Doren and the 2d church of Glenville, May 20th, 1885.

Between Rev. S. L. Gamble and the church of Helderberg, Oct. 29th, 1885.

Between Rev. E. A. McCullum and the 1st church of Lisha's Kill, Jan. 29th, 1886.

Between Rev. W. E. Griffis, D.D., and the 1st church of Schenectady, March 22d, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren to Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. S. L. Gamble, to Classis of Illinois.

Rev. E. A. McCullum, to Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. W. E. Griffis, D.D., to West Suffolk Association, Boston, Mass.

Classis of Schoharie.

Received.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren, from the Classis of Schenectady, June 16th, 1885.

Rev. John G. Smart, from the Presbytery of Jersey city, N. J., Nov. 24th, 1885.

Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D. D. from the Classis of Holland, April 20th, 1886.

Rev. John G. Fagg, Licentiate from the Classis of Wisconsin, April 20th, 1886.

Installed.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren, over the church of Middleburgh, June 16th, 1885.

Rev. John G. Smart, over the church of Schoharie, Nov. 24th, 1885.

Rev. John G. Fagg ordained and installed over the church of Cobleskill, April 20th, 1886.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Retween Rev. Robt. Doig and the churches of Berne and Beaverdam, Nov. 24th, 1886.

Between Rev. Andrew Parsons and the church of Sharon, April, 1886.

Dismissed.

Rev. B. C. Miller, to Classis of Passaic, Sept. 15th, 1885.

Rev. Robt. Doig, to Classis of Schenectady, Nov. 24th, 1885.

Rev. Andrew Parsons, to Classis of Albany, April 20th, 1886.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Received.

Rev. Solomon T. Cole, from the Classis of Geneva, April, 1885.

Rev. Abram G. Lansing, from the Classis of Albany, May, 1885.

Rev. Arad J. Sebring, from the Classis of Hudson, May, 1885.

Rev. Rufus M. Stanbrough, from the Classis of Montgomery, Oct., 1885.

Installed.

Rev. Solomon T. Cole, over the church of Plattekill, June 16th, 1885.

Rev. Abram G. Lansing, over the church of Blue Mountain, June 17th, 1885.

Rev. Arad J. Sebring, over the church of Caatsban, May 29th, 1885.

Rev. Rufus M. Stanbrough, over the churches of West Hurley and Stewartville, Oct. 27th, 1885.

Dismissed.

Rev. Sanford H. Cobb to the Presbytery of Grand Rapids, May 29th, 1885.

Rev. Eugene Hill to the Classis of Philadelphia, Sept. 10th, 1885.

Rev. A. W. McGibbon to the Presbytery of North River, Jan. 26th, 1886.

Died.

Rev. Abram H. Meyer, March 9th, 1886.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Reformed,	J. Wilbur Chapman,	250	36	27	4	....	7	500	6	10	.....	.....	1	372	$9,540 06	$9,355 99	Albany, N. Y.
Second Reformed,	W. R. Davis,	259	37	22	4	....	7	395	13	8	....	70	1	422	9,070 63	23,751 82	Albany, N. Y.
Third Reformed,	Vacant,	195	25	17	5	....	2	290	21	8	....	.....	1	314	627 92	4,070 92	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Reformed	J. F. Neef,	64	9	..	....	....	3	130	10	...	.....	40	1	130	70 00	914 33	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Reformed,	Vacant,*	82	14	1	....	....	..	146	...	...	.....	74	1	138	308 64	1,142 49	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem,	Joseph P. Davis,	155	17	3	5	....	6	232	5	4	.....		4	300	104 41	2,801 37	Bethlehem Centre.
Second Bethlehem,	J. L. Pearse, S. C.,	90	....	12	4	....	4	210	10	...	.....	60	1	130	160 50	1,400 00	Delmar, N. Y.
Second Berne,	Andrew Parsons, P.E.	40	....	....	....	....	2	40	...	....	....	25	1	101	.....	.....	Knox, N. Y.
Knox,	Andrew Parsons, P.E.	....	....	....	1	....	..	36	....	....	.....	.....	2	85	42 99	100 00	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville,	C. M. Perlee,	56	1	2	3	2	2	103	...	...	.....	43	1	70	25 91	428 96	Clarksville, N. Y.
Coeymans,	H. P. Craig,	100	7	..	5	..	5	180	4	3	.....	94	1	94	283 54	1,403 69	Coeymans, N. Y.
Onesquethaw,	C. M. Perlee,	45	...	...	3	..	1	70	....	...	.....	50	1	59	17 95	348 97	Clarksville, N. Y.
Jerusalem,	John Scarlet, P. E.,	70	5	..	....	....	..	130	...	4	.....	25	1	110	71 52	759 07	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem,	Vacant,	100	2	2	8	...	4	143	3	....	.....	117	1	117	187 23	420 75	New Salem, N. Y.
Unionville,	Vacant,*	50	5	3	....	....	..	51	...	....	.....	50	1	55	45 00	575 00	Union Church, N. Y.
New Baltimore,	A. M. Arcularius,	93	8	....	1	....	1	195	3	6	... ..	.....	1	106	312 14	2,426 96	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo,	W. E. Faulkner,	48	..	....		....	1	76	....	....	.....	.. ...	1	52	56 55	882 00	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total,		1697	166	89	43	2	45	2927	75	48	.....	648	21	2655	$20,924 99	$50,782 32	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. R. W. Clark, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Bailey, Cedar Hill, N. Y.

Rev. E. F. See dismissed to South Classis of Long Island.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota,	Vacant,	62	..	..	2	.	1	64	...	*1	. .	.... .	1	205	$35 22	$1,008 63	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero,	Vacant,	*30	1	...	...	...	...	33	...	*1	.....	.....	1	91	25 00	3,033 00	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango,	C. O. Thatcher, S. C.,	80	8	2	..	.	...	125	..	3	.....	.....	1	117	82 58	1,175 00	Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumberg,	Henry Unglaub,	16	..	...	..	..	..	52	4	.	.....	12	1	65	20 12	272 35	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen,	Henry Unglaub,	10	...	...	...	...	1	24	1	...	.....	.....	...	.....	7 75	56 25	New Bremen, N. Y.
Owasco,	Jonah W. Vaughan,	118	7	2	4	...	2	120	...	3	.....	... ..	2	222	57 27	1,344 98	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet,	Vacant,	*40	2	..	1	...	..	45	...	1	.....	....	1	75	50 06	627 12	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock,	Henry Frech,	14	...	...	...	...	1	26	....	.	.....	.....	..	.....	1 13	161 27	West Leyden, N. Y.
Syracuse,	Supplied, ‡	168	6	5	7	..	2	292	2	...	.....	.....	1	275	1,422 39	4,097 56	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles,	E. C. Lawrence, †	80	9	2	2	..	1	100	6	6	.....	150	1	150	117 12	1,250 00	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Utica,	I. S. Hartley, D.D.,	120	4	4	2	...	1	173	6	1	.....	.....	2	230	1,648 17	5,028 24	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden,	Henry Frech,	25	.	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	.....	.....	...	... ..	37 35	104 87	West Leyden.
Total,	..	763	37	15	18	. .	10	1094	19	15	.. ..	162	11	1430	$3,504 16	$18,159 27	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Peter A. Moelling, Rome, N. Y.; Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Guido F. Verbeck, D.D., Tokio, Japan.

* Last year's report. † Pastor elect. ‡ Rev. W. P. Coddington, D.D.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Abbe Church,	D. J. De Bey,	66	6	2	1	..	...	136	6	1	.....	50	1	137	$145 30	$871 21	Clymer, Chautauqa.
Arcadia,	W. G. Baas,	37	3	10	1	....	..	72	21	*...	.....	25	1	75	11 24	180 00	Newark, Wayne Co.
Caroline,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ...	... ...	Slaterville, Tompkins.
Clymer,	M. Van Doren,	84	25	...	2	....	1	205	8	....	.....	50	1	100	109 90	632 36	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ...	... ...	Dunkirk, Chautauqua.
East Williamson,	J. W. Te Winkel,	117	2	...	10	1	4	240	9	....	.....	50	1	120	149 61	1,659 79	Williamson, Wayne.
Farmer Village,	Wm. H. Nasholds,	126	....	4	....	..	2	214	3	....	.....	....	1	125	81 28	1,414 45	Farmer Vill., Sen. Co.
Geneva,	Vacant,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ...	... ...	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Lodi,	Chester P. Murray,	80	3	....	4	....	3	184	1	1	.....	....	1	175	195 00	1,450 00	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Marion,	Matthew Kolyn,	*150	18	10	6	....	7	297	20	1	.....	50	1	200	124 10	1,089 83	Marion, Wayne Co.
Mina,	Vacant,	6	...	...	...	..	...	13	...	....	.....	15	1	13	....	... ...	Mina, Chautauqua Co.
Ontario,	Vacant,	20	13	22	....	....	1	35	3	....	... ...	.....	1	30	2 75	75 00	Ontario, Wayne Co.
Pultneyville,	A. B. Veenheusen, S.S.	44	5	6	1	....	1	96	2	....	.....	20	1	85	56 57	301 34	Pultneyville, Wayne.
Rochester,	Peter De Bruyn,	216	27	...	4	1	2	327	17	....	.....	160	1	300	488 74	2,551 97	Rochester, Monroe Co.
Tyre,	F. W. Ruhl,	40	21	3	....	...	3	71	1	16	.....	.....	1	87	109 17	593 75	Tyre, Malcom, Sen.
Total,	.....	986	123	57	29	2	24	1890	91	19	.....	420	12	1477	$1,473 46	$10,819 70	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Whitbeck, (S. C.), Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village, Seneca Co. N. Y.; Rev, John Boehrer, Calporteur American Tract Society, 1175 Michigan avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renekers, Emeritus, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Veenheusen, (S. S.), Williamson, Wayne Co., N. Y.

* Including the mission of Palmyra.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens,	Herman Van Derwart,	98	6	1	2	....	3	176	2	2	57	.....	1	150	$306 90	$1,850 40	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens,	Elbert N. Sebring,	25	2	....	1	....	....	29	1	2	.....	.....	....	.....	12 00	270 00	Leeds, N. Y.
Catskill,	Evert Van Slyke,	250	10	1	2	1	4	445	5	5	230	175	3	290	818 34	3,605 49	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie,	Bergen B. Staats,	103	7	3	5	....	5	195	2	5	47	62	1	125	200 38	1,565 97	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie,	John H. Salisbury,	143	8	3	9	....	2	271	1	5	65	150	1	200	400 00	3,236 46	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom,	Geo. J. Van Neste,	90	6	....	4	....	4	206	4	4	85	.....	4	160	382 03	922 31	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds,	Elbert N. Sebring,	65	1	....	2	....	....	90	....	....	65	.....	1	75	119 00	2,047 00	Leeds, N. Y.
Total,	.....	774	40	8	25	1	18	1412	15	23	549	387	11	1000	$2,238 65	$13,497 64	

Other Ministers.—Benjamin Van Zandt (S. C.), Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Roe, Cairo, N. Y.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville,	J. Campbell Boyd, S.S	43	4	3	2	-	...	45	....	2	.....	.....	1	110	$74 00	$356 84	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie,	Francis S. Haines.	176	18	4	7	....	4	258	9	10	.....	.....	2	225	281 41	2,045 34	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia,	Theo. A. Beekman,	67	2	1	4	...	....	66	...	2	15	9	2	108	41 31	642 93	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville,	Vacant,	40	3	....	...	...	1	30	...	...	5	20	1	38	10 00	362 00	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown,	Garret Wyckoff,	36	3	....	2	...	...	*48	....	1	20	.....	1	34	115 78	290 00	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah,	W. W. Whitney. S.S.	60	4	2	8	...	1	*112	....	1	.....	16	1	96	.....	200 00	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida,	Richard A. Pearse,	72	4	...	3	....	...	116	1	3	.....	.....	1	100	140 75	1,100 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda,	John A. De Baun,	214	22	1	8	....	5	*429	2	12	.....	...	5	340	830 40	4,419 62	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain,	James Demarest, Jr.	140	8	4	4	..	2	205	7	1	.....	90	1	196	552 26	3,378 62	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer,	Vacant,	7	5	...	....	....	....	9	....	1	.....	..	1	36	25 00	144 00	Herkimer, N. Y.
Fultonville,	F. V. Van Vranken,	115	6	1	3	...	1	132	2	3	.....	100	1	122	279 67	2,715 00	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen,	Sidney O. Lawsing,	83	16	2	1	....	1	110	3	15	....	70	2	150	261 00	1,009 74	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills,	A. J. Hageman, S. C.,	100	...	1	..	...	3	155	2	....	54	75	1	170	274 09	1,501 87	Hagaman's Mills, N.Y.
Henderson,	Daniel Lord,	14	2	...	...	...	2	17	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer,	Henry M. Cox,	115	5	2	3	...	4	107	1	1	125	50	2	164	250 65	1,546 07	Herkimer, N. Y
Manheim, †	Vacant,	40	...	....	..	....	...	65	..	....	.....	... ..	1	40	.....	.....	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown,	Garret Wyckoff,	36	....	....	3	....	...	40	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	17 50	150 00	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk, †	Vacant,	80	...	....	....	....	2	86	2	...	.....	.....	1	110	.....	779 16	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson,	J. R. Kyle,	100	6	1	1	1	3	198	7	...	125	.....	1	169	344 41	2,742 31	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville,	Albert Dod Minor,	*110	2	1	2	....	1	161	5	...	.....	.....	1	175	127 00	1,491 47	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Stone Arabia,	Vacant,	40	....	....	1	....	1	*70	....	....	.....	.....	1	22	... .	369 35	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Spraker's Basin,	Vacant,	31	...	...	....	...	1	*25	....	....	.....	.....	1	52	5 00	60 00	Spraker's Basin, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1719	110	23	52	1	32	2544	42	53	344	430	29	2452	$3,630 23	$25,304 32	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Knickern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.; Richard R. Williams, 216 Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blooming Grove,	Jacob I. Gulick,	55	1	3	1	...	...	70	1	...	.....	90	1	90	$100 39	$881 46	Defreestville, N. Y.
Castleton,	Alan D. Campbell,	115	10	7	2	...	4	198	5	3	55	.....	1	225	113 50	2,435 69	Castleton, N. Y.
Chatham,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	117	7	4	3	...	2	170	....	2	.....	.....	1	†216	603 00	2,000 00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent,	John B. Drury,	80	1	....	...	...	1	101	1	...	40	30	1	127	350 00	1,327 00	Ghent, N. Y.
Second Ghent,	Isaac S. Schenck,	82	...	...	4	..	2	106	5	...	....	.....	1	80	92 12	1,994 98	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush,	John Steele,	*100	2	3	1	..	4	*215	3	1	80	25	1	125	359 26	1,487 55	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook,	E. A. Collier, S. C.,	165	4	14	..	..	6	296	2	3	.....	90	1	154	1,709 17	3,785 76	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau,	J. Henry Berthoff,	140	2	2	5	....	8	260	....	....	.. ..	25	1	142	298 88	1,505 75	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord,	Theo. S. Brown, S.S.,	†30	....	....	....	....	....	†40	....	....	.....	.....	1	†36	.....	.....	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack,	Vacant,	80	11	1	8	...	3	172	5	2	.....	40	3	125	100 00	1,500 00	Muitzeskill, N. Y.
Schodack Landing,	H. A. Hendrickson,	90	11	2	4	1	2	174	10	2	126	60	1	158	364 09	1,542 42	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant,	Elbert Nevius,	60	1	2	....	...	1	71	2	....	51	.....	1	83	335 42	635 58	Stuyvesant,
Stuyvesant Falls,	Vacant,	40	....	...	7	.	...	62	5	...	.....	.....	1	45	10 00	400 00	Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1154	50	38	35	1	33	1935	39	13	352	360	15	1606	$4,435 83	$19,496 19	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired;* Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. C. Fowler, *suspended;* W. H. McGiffert, Kingston, N. Y., *suspended.*

* Revised list. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Boght,	George I. Taylor,	45	38	1	1	....	....	71	....	23	.....	....	1	53	$28 35	$518 74	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks,	James L. Southard,	45	....	1	1	....	....	63	1	....	.....	.....	1	91	181 75	480 00	Buskirks, N. Y.
Cohoes,	J. Paschal Strong,	*240	13	....	6	....	6	330	17	4	.....	.....	1	372	227 75	4,402 13	Cohoes, N. Y.
Easton,	A. G. Cochran, S.S.,	20	2	....	....	....	....	25	....	2	.....	.....	1	30	25 00	275 00	Easton, N. Y.
Fort Miller,	E. A. McCullum, S.S.,	49	....	....	....	....	2	82	....	....	.....	.....	1	85	35 00	311 83	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort,	J. W. Bailey, S. S.,	19	2	2	....	....	1	32	....	1	.....	.....	1	45	10 00	297 00	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Northumberland,	J. Webster Bailey,	66	30	3	1	....	1	113	1	15	.....	.....	1	150	100 50	1,716 20	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Rensselaer, †	George I. Taylor,	12	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	Cohoes, N. Y.
Saratoga,	E. A. McCullum,	139	2	....	8	....	1	264	....	1	.....	.....	1	224	218 73	1,607 33	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke,	Theo. Shafer (P. E.),	44	1	1	....	....	....	62	....	....	.....	.....	1	25	.....	672 70	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village,	.....	63	1	4	7	....	4	165	4	....	.....	.....	1	75	36 50	1,870 02	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy (North),	J. W. Beardslee (S.C.)	148	16	11	6	....	5	206	12	4	.....	.....	1	210	631 65	3,450 00	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy (South),	.....	39	....	....	4	....	4	13	2	....	.....	.....	....	....	111 80	.....	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill,	Ira Van Allen,	82	....	2	1	....	2	113	....	....	.....	.....	1	110	123 50	1 515 83	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1011	105	25	35	....	26	1548	37	50	.....	.....	12	1470	$1,730 53	$17,116 78	

Other Ministers.—Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.: Charles N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich. * Revised list. † Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Schenectady,	Vacant,	250	29	6	4	...	5	418	12	8	...	200	3	650	$3,144 25	$4,392 29	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady,	Peter E. Kipp,	153	6	15	5	...	3	245	2	3	.....	.....	1	200	410 20	2,771 66	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville,	N. F. Nickerson,	*140	15	3	7	2	7	*264	2	6	.....	25	2	158	268 24	1,358 58	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville,	Robert Dolg,	80	2	9	8	...	2	170	3	1	....	75	4	190	39 25	1,100 00	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam,	John C. Lowe,	64	3	...	2	...	3	*90	1	2	.....	.....	4	180	134 05	1,250 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam,	Lauren VanDerveer,	50	2	1	..	...	3	79	2	1	.....	97	2	208	69 16	745 82	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg,	Vacant,	180	...	3	4	...	5	466	14	...	.....	.....	4	200	119 74	1,224 60	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna,	C. P. Ditmars, S. C.,	120	3	1	2	....	2	*213	4	1	.....	175	1	175	342 24	1,120 21	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill,	Vacant,	58	5		1	....	7	*132	....	....	.....	150	3	.....	130 50	1,098 35	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity,	B. A. Bartholf,	85	18	...	2	....	4	139	1	10	.....	75	1	155	203 85	1,035 00	Vischer's Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown,	J. K. Rhinehart,	85	5	3	....	....	3	245	7	1	.....	70	1	140	181 61	971 25	Gifford, N. Y.
Total,		1265	88	41	35	2	44	2461	48	33	.....	867	26	2256	$5,043 09	$17,067 76	

Other Ministers.—Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Beaverdam,	Vacant,	45	...	17	2	....	1	85	....	....	24	40	1	120	$15 03	$260 00	Berne, N. Y.
Berne,	Vacant,	57	1	...	4	....	3	100	3	....	24	12	1	50	47 25	275 00	Berne, N. Y.
Greakabeen,	P. Phelps, Jr. (P. E.),	32	....	....	....	....	....	42	....	....	.....	.....	1	112	20 00	207 22	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Central Bridge,	Wm. D. Buckelew,	20	....	2	1	....	....	17	..	.....	.....	.....	1	40	6 00	80 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Cobleskill,	John G. Fagg,	50	8	15	....	..	..	23	....	8	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	Lawyersville, N. Y.
Gallupville,	J. H. Van Doren,	50	2	....	4	....	....	92	....	..	13	30	1	80	50 35	705 12	Gallupville, N. Y.
Gilboa,	Vacant,	†70	4	....	..	....	....	125	....	.....	.....	.....	1	75	21 74	.....	Gilboa, N. Y.
Lawyersville,	John G. Fagg,	45	6	....	..	....	....	61	...	5	5	50	1	50	92 26	900 00	Lawyersville, N. Y.
Middleburgh,	D. K. Van Doren,	95	4	5	4	....	1	153	....	....	....	.....	1	150	128 85	1,506 63	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Moresville,	Vacant,	14	....	....	1	....	1	15	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	10 00	250 00	Grand Gorge, N. Y.
North Blenheim,	P. Phelps, Jr. (P. E.),	26	....	....	....	....	1	41	....	....	.....	.....	1	50	.....	60 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Prattsville,	Vacant,	72	2	....	3	....	7	90	....	2	.....	64	1	64	42 50	919 26	Prattsville, N. Y.
Schoharie,	John G. Smart,	75	8	1	2	....	2	127	3	1	.....	.....	1	104	205 93	1,212 23	Schoharie, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain,	Wm. D. Buckelew,	40	17	....	3	....	1	94	1	10	.....	30	1	104	37 00	350 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Sharon,	Vacant,	50	1	1	3	..	2	115	2	1	.....	50	1	110	25 00	658 00	Sharon Springs, N. Y.
South Gilboa,	Vacant,	22	....	....	....	....	....	44	....	....	6	.....	1	40	6 00	85 00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
Total,	.....	763	53	25	27	....	19	1224	9	27	72	266	14	1149	$707 91	$7,468 46	

* *Other Ministers.*—Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., infirm in health; Rev. Thomas L. Shafer, East Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., aged and infirm; Rev. Wm. H. Carr, 225 Elm St., Albany, N. Y.; Rev. E. Miller, North Blenheim, N. Y.

† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Total of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total No. of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blue Mountain,	A. G. Lansing,	184	26	4	....	....	4	239	25	3	.....	.....	2	215	$76 04	$1,392 52	Saugerties, N. Y.
Caatsban,	A. J. Sebring,	100	6	2	2	....	3	*155	4	1	126	.. ..	1	95	805 03	1,173 62	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus,	Vacant,	69	2	....	1	1	3	103	....	....	.....	.....	2	143	.....	.....	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush,	A. A. Zabriskie,	104	24	2	3	....	2	201	2	6	.....	60	3	200	.. ..	1,025 00	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston,	J. G. Van Slyke,	252	42	12	2	....	14	520	8	....	.....	.....	1	275	950 00	.....	Kingston, N. Y.
Port Ewen,	B. C. Lippincott,	90	12	3	2	....	2	165	5	3	.....	.....	1	138	105 69	1,325 13	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill,	S. T. Cole,	142	12	2	3	....	7	250	15	2	.... ..	.. ..	3	225	59 59	1,290 17	Cockburn, N. Y.
Roxbury,	James F. King,	71	....	....	....	....	..	93	....	....	.....	.....	....	100	....	.....	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties,	D. Wortman,	517	16	11	5	....	8	329	4	3	135	.....	....	200	750 00	2,618 54	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken,	Vacant,	.... ..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan,	Vacant,	.....	..	....	....	....	....	143	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville,	R. F. Stanbrough,	9	....	....	....	....	..	16	....	....	..	.....	1	20	....	68 50	Brown's Station, N. Y.
West Hurley,	R. F. Stanbrough,	63	1	....	....	....	..	100	6	1	.... ..	.....	1	103	2 33	629 49	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock,	W. A. Wurts,	63	7	....	4	....	1	129	2	2	.... .	49	1	135	.....	1,047 00	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck,	W. A. Shaw, S. S.,	44	3	....	2	....	1	85	1	2	.....	.....	1	175	124 29	556 08	Kingston, N. Y.
Total,	..	1408	151	36	24	1	45	2528	72	23	261	109	17	2024	$2,872 97	$11,126 05	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.; Rev. C. Case, Stuyvesant, N. Y.; Rev. F. F. Wilson; Rev. N. F. Chapman, Saugerties, N. Y.; Rev. I. N. Voorhis, (S. C.), Port Ewen, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Beekman, South Branch, Union Co., N. J.; Rev. W. H. Van Doren, Cleveland, O.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1886.

Classes.	Census.			Communicants.						Baptized.			C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants	Adults.	Total of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Albany,	17	18	1697	166	89	43	2	45	2927	75	43	.....	648	21	2655	$20,924 99	$50,782 32	Rev. J. L. Pearse.
Cayuga,	12	9	763	37	15	18	....	10	1094	19	15	.....	162	11	1430	3,504 16	18,159 27	Rev. C. O. Thatcher.
Geneva,	15	15	986	123	57	29	2	24	1890	91	19	.....	420	12	1477	1,473 46	10,819 70	Rev. John Whitbeck.
Greene,	7	8	774	40	8	25	1	18	1412	15	23	549	387	11	1000	2,238 65	13,497 64	Rev. B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery,	22	17	1719	110	23	52	1	32	2544	42	53	344	430	29	2452	3,630 23	25,304 32	Rev. A. J. Hageman.
Rensselaer,	13	*14	1154	50	38	35	1	33	1935	39	13	352	360	15	1606	4,435 83	19,496 19	Rev. E. A. Collier.
Saratoga,	14	11	1011	105	25	35	....	26	1548	37	50	.....	.....	12	1470	1,730 53	17,116 78	Rev. J. W. Beardslee.
Schenectady,	11	10	1265	88	41	35	2	44	2461	48	33	.....	867	26	2256	5,043 09	17,067 76	Rev. C. P. Ditmars.
Schoharie,	16	11	763	53	25	27	....	19	1224	9	27	72	266	14	1149	707 91	7,468 46	Rev. D. K. Van Doren.
Ulster,	15	20	1408	151	36	24	1	45	2528	72	23	261	109	17	2024	2,872 97	11,126 05	Rev. J. N. Voorhis.
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* Two suspended.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH VISITATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE XI.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

A Communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, stating that the Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D. D., had been appointed a delegate to represent the Board in the present Session. It was decided that he be heard at the close of the Communion Service. After his address a committee consisting of Rev. J. H. Van Doren, and B. A. Bartholf, and Elder Samuel Bonta, was appointed to prepare a paper expressive of the sentiments of Synod on the subject. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to express the sense of Particular Synod in reference to the Foreign Missionary Work of our denomination, offer the following:

Whereas we have heard with profound interest the statement of Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D. D., Delegate from the Board of Foreign Missions, in regard to our Foreign Work, therefore:

Resolved 1. That we express our gratitude to our ascended Saviour, for what he has wrought for us and with us. As his heart thrills with the advance of that object for which he died, and for which he reigns, our hearts answer to his and share his joy. We rejoice that he still calls men and women to preach to the heathen, and overwhelms us with

opportunities abroad, and he will also round out the work by consecrating to himself the vast wealth of our church.

Resolved 2. That as members of this Synod, in the presence of our Lord's Table, around which we have just celebrated anew his dying love, and fronting also the demands and growing opportunities of our mission work, we do reconsecrate ourselves to the largest fulfilment of our missionary orders, "Go teach all nations."

Resolved 3. That since the benevolence of our churches is measured by the efforts of their pastors and consistories, the ordained leaders of the Lord's Hosts. Synod urges all pastors and consistories to instruct and stimulate their churches in every possible way to increase their prayers and gifts to this most essential work of the church.

Resolved 4. That all our churches be urged to make their collections for this purpose earlier in the fiscal year, that the Board may be relieved from the burden of paying interest on borrowed money, and the greater burden of anxiety arising from the usual small collections of the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. VAN DOREN,
Chairman.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. W. R. Davis, D.D.,	Rev. John Scarlet,
J. Wilbur Chapman,	Horace P. Craig,
J. Lansing Pearse.	Jacob F. Neef.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Ernest J. Miller,	Isaac Van Allen,
S. B. Griswold,	William B. Hull,
John McHarg,	William Mausert.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. C. Lawrence,	Rev. I. S. Hartley, D. D.,
Henry Unglaub,	C. O. Thatcher,
Peter A. Moelling,	Henry Frech.

Elders.	*Elders.*
M. M. Bagg, M.D.,	W. N. Shaver,
Jacob Colyer,	E. S. Brayton,
Delos Davis,	R. A. Bonta.

Classis of Geneva.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Peter De Bruyn,	Rev. D. J. De Bey.
G. W. Baas,	M. Van Doren,
F. W. Ruhl,	J. W. Te Winkel,

Elders.	*Elders.*
John Van Doren,	G. J. Dunnawold,
M. De Die,	L. Van Bergh,
E. J. Schoonmaker, M.D.,	J. Van Holder.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. H. Salisbury,	Rev. B. B. Staats,
G. J. Van Neste,	S. W. Roe, D. D.,
E. N. Sebring.	B. Van Zandt, D. D.

Elders.	*Elders*
Lewis Wolf,	Jas. E. Elting,
Thos. Bell,	Wm. Overbuch.
C. L. Collier,	M. G. Van Slyke.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Garret Wyckoff,	Rev. J. Demarest, Jr., D.D.
Henry M. Cox,	F. V. Van Vranken,
Richard A. Pearse,	Sidney O. Lawsing,
John A. De Baun, DD	Andrew J. Hageman,
Elders.	*Elders.*
Jacob Diefendorf,	Andrew Dunn,
John Yawney,	Peter W. Putnam,
David French,	James Van Horne,
Jacob Hees,	John Lutton.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Theo. S. Brown,	Rev. John Steele, D. D.,
John B. Drury, D. D.,	E. A. Collier, D. D.,
Isaac S. Schenck,	J. H. Bertholf.
Elders.	*Elders.*
W. C. Bailey, M. D.,	Stephen Miller,
Fred H. Snyder,	W. H. Rainey,
Philip Engle.	Thomas N. Lape.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Theo. Shafer,	Rev. E. A. McCullum.
J. Webster Bailey,	Ira Van Allen,
John W. Beardslee, D.D.,	A. G. Cochran.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Ab'm H. Van Vechten,	James H. Harmon,
John F. Shafer,	Benj. Reamer,
A.T. Van Vranken, M.D.	J. H. Deyo.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. K. Rhinehart,	Rev. L. Vanderveer,
C. P. Ditmars,	B. A. Bartholf,
N. F. Nickerson,	Robert Doig.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Joseph Wormer,	John Young.
Vischer Lansing,	Martin Ham,
A. L. Vedder,	B. J. Romeyn.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. D. K. Van Doren,	Rev. E. Miller,
W. D. Buckelew,	J. G. Fagg,
J. G. Smart,	Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Peter S. Danforth,	Peter L. Allen,
Robert Potts,	Josiah Richtmeyer,
William Hayes,	David Hilts.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. W. A. Wurts,	Rev. W. A. Shaw,
F. F. Wilson,	J. N. Voorhis,
D. Wortman, D.D..	C. Van Santvoord, DD.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Washington Risely,	P. C. Osterhoudt,
Henry E. Legg,	John V. Winfield,
Addison Brainard,	Peter Snyder.

ARTICLE XIII.

PARTICULARIA.

The stated clerk was authorized to print 425 copies of the Minutes of this Session.

The Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D. D., was chosen to preach the special Sermon before the next Synod, with Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D. D., as Secundus. Subject, Heb. 12: 22, 23.

The following action was taken in reference to the Report on the State of Religion:

Resolved. That the President of Synod, be hereafter *ex-officio*, the chairman of the committee on the Synodical Report for the following Synod.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerks of the Classes be directed to send to such chairman, at the earliest practicable moment, the reports of their committee on the State of Religion, and a duplicate copy of the Statistical Table, from which the chairman shall carefully prepare a digest, to be submitted to Synod and published in the Minutes in lieu of the detailed reports from the Classes as published last year.

The President having been suddenly called away, obtained leave of absence from the evening session, on the second day.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows: from 9 to 12 A. M., from 2 to 5.15 P. M., from 7.30 P. M., till such hour as Synod may fix.

The Rev. E. A. Collier was recommended to the General Synod as member of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, of the Reformed Church, and General Synod was requested to make some provision for the payment of the delegate in attending the meetings of that body.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of Rev. Dr. Wortman, in preaching the special sermon before this Synod, and the thanks of Synod extended to him for his very interesting address.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to precure a suitable receptacle for conveying the documents of Synod to and from its meetings.

ARTICLE XIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and people of the Reformed Church at Herkimer, for their kind reception and generous hospitality; also to the choir for their assistance at our devotional services, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Roll was called and absentees excused.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. —. B. Van Zandt, D. D.

ARTICLE XV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church at Schoharie, on the first Tuesday in May, 1887, at 7.30 P. M.

JAS. DEMAREST, JR., *President.*
ROBERT DOIG, *Vice-President.*

B. B. STAATS,
THEO. A. BEEKMAN. } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy of the Minutes.

JOHN W. BEARDSLEE,
Stated Clerk.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1886.

1864. Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. J. A. Lansing, D. D., Fonda.
1866. Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston.
1867. John L. McNair, 2d Albany.
1868. Philip Peltz, D. D., Saugerties.
1869. B. Van Zandt, D. D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. John A. De Baun, D. D., W. Troy (North).
1871. S. J. Rodgers, Kinderhook.
1872. R. W. Clark, D. D., Canajoharie.
1873, J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., Cohoes.
1874. Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
1875. Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. John B. Thompson, D. D., W. Troy (South).
1877. Alex. M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village.
1878. J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. Edw. A. Collier, D. D., Chatham Village.
1880. Geo. J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. John B. Drury, D. D., Saugerties.
1882. Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. Evert Van Slyke, D. D., Schoharie.
1884. Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.
1885. Andrew J. Hageman, Fort Plain.
1886. James Demarest, Jr., D. D., Herkimer.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."
1872. E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the Church."
1873. John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."
1874. T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."
1875. J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."

1876. J. A. De Baun, "The expectations of the church of God."
1877. Charles N. Waldron, "Systematic Beneficence."
1878. C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."
1879. H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidenced faith."
1880. W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the gospel."
1881. I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength."
1882. Sanford H. Cobb, "The evil, cause and cure of short pastorates."
1883. William E. Griffis, "The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate."
1884. Alan D. Campbell, "The Revised Version of the New Testament."
1885. Wm. A. Shaw, "The old and the true in the new theology."
1886. Denis Wortman, "Agape, the Divine Love."

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MINUTES.

The Particular Synod of Albany met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Reformed Church at Schoharie, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 3d, 1887, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M., and continued in session until 11 A. M. Thursday.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was called to order by the President who preached the sermon from John 12: 32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

ARTICLE II.

CALLING THE ROLL.

Classis of Albany.

Ministers.—Revs. William H. De Hart, J. Lansing Pearse,* David F. Williams.
Elder.—Daniel P. Winne.

Classis of Cayuga.

Minister.—Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D.
Elder.—M. M. Bagg, M. D.

Classis of Greene.

Minister.—Rev. E. N. Sebring.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.—Revs. John H. Brandow, Garret Wyckoff, Albert D. Minor, Henry M. Cox.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Minister.—Rev. Jacob I. Gulick.

* Excused at close of second day.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.—Revs. F. C. Scoville, James L. Southard, Theodore Shafer, John W. Beardslee.
Elders.—G. L. Schuyler, A. H. Van Veghten.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.—Revs. C. P. Ditmars, B. A. Bartholf, H. M. Voorhees, N. F. Nickerson.
Elders.—W. H. Furbeck, Martin Ham.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.—Revs. E. Vedder, D. K. Van Doren, Wm. A. Wurts, E. Miller,* Philip Phelps, Jr.†
Elders.—H. R. Brown, Robert Potts, Elias Bassler, W. E. Bassler.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.—Revs. C. Van Santvoord, B. C. Lippincott.‡
Elder.—John H. Freligh.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Henry M. Voorhees was elected President; the Rev. Albert Dod Minor Vice-President; the Rev. William A. Wurts and the Rev. C. P. Ditmars Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

READING. RULES OF ORDER, MINUTES AND VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

The Minutes and the Van Benschoten Bequest were read.

The following report from the Special Committee to revise the Rules of Order was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee to revise the Rules of Order, would recommend the rules appended to this report.

J. W. BEARDSLEE,
J. B. DRURY,
J. A. DE BAUN.

* Excused after first day.
† Took seat as Secundus on second day.
‡ Excused at close of second day.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I.

The Synod shall be called to order by the President, at the hour to which it stands adjourned. After suitable devotional exercises he shall open the Session by preaching the Synodical sermon. If unable to serve the Vice-President shall take his place. If neither can serve, the Synod shall designate some one to perform these duties.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Synod shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Stated Clerk, Treasurer and two Temporary Clerks. The election must be by ballot; and except the Stated Clerk and Treasurer, they shall hold their office till the next regular Session. In the election of President and Vice-President a majority of all the members present shall be necessary to a choice; for the two Temporary Clerks a plurality. The Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote whenever a vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE III.

The evening of the first day of the Session shall be devoted to the discussion of topics relating to practical Christian work. The evening of the second day shall be given to the denominational interests of our church. The topics and speakers for both evenings shall be designated at each regular Session of the Synod, for the succeeding regular Session, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Religious Services, who shall also designate the length of time allowed each essay or address so assigned, according to the comparative importance of the subject and the number of topics to be discussed. The Stated Clerk of Synod shall give the persons so appointed at least six weeks notice of the topics and place of meeting.

The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the opening of the afternoon session of the second day.

ARTICLE IV.

The business of the Synod shall be conducted, as far as practicable, and arranged for printing according to the following Lemmata:

1. Opening of Synod.
2. Calling the Roll.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading Rules of Order, Minutes and Van Benschoten Bequest.
5. Appointments of Standing Committees:
   - On Synodical Minutes.
   - On Classical Minutes.
   - On Synodical Report.
   - On Overtures and Judicial Business.
   - On the Treasury.
   - On Nominations.
   - On Necrology.
   - On Religious Services.
   - On Missions.
   - On Leave of Absence.
6. Communications.
7. Correspondence with other Synods.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Benevolent Institutions.
10. Delegates to General Synod.
11. Particularia.
12. Resumption and Close.
13. Adjournment.

ARTICLE V.

The President shall be the Chairman of the Committee on the Synodical Report for the following regular Session of Synod. The Stated Clerks of the several Classis shall forward to him at the earliest practicable moment the report of their Committee on the State of Religion, together with a copy of the Statistical Tables, from which he shall prepare a digest to be submitted to Synod, and when approved, published in the minutes of Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

All committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval

of the Synod. The Committee on Necrology shall consist of one minister who shall make his report at the regular Session following his appointment. All other standing committees shall consist of three ministers and two elders. Special committees shall consist of two ministers and one elder.

ARTICLE VII.

In the transaction of its business this Synod shall be governed by the Rules of the General Synod so far as they are applicable, except as otherwise provided for in these Articles.

ARTICLE VIII.

These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present. They may be amended by notice given; which notice shall remain on the table until the next regular Session and must then have a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE V.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Wm. A. Wurts, B. L. Bartholf, Philip Phelps, Jr. Elders W. H. Furbeck, Daniel P. Winne.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. Albert D. Minor, David F. Williams, J. H. Brandow. Elders G. L. Schuyler, John H. Freligh.

On Synodical Report.—Revs. James Demarest, Jr., P. Ditmars, C. Van Santvoord. Elders H. R. Brown, A. H. Van Veghten.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. B. C. Lippincott, Garret Wyckoff, Jacob I. Gulick. Elders Martin Ham, Robert Potts.

On the Treasury.—Revs. Theodore Shafer, E. N. Sebring, Henry M. Cox. Elders M. M. Bagg, M. D., Daniel P. Winne.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. Lansing Pearse, James Southard, John G. Fagg. Elders G. L. Schuyler, W. H. Furbeck.

On Necrology.—Rev. John A. De Baun.

On Religious Services.—Revs. Isaac H. Hartley, E. Vedder, Wm. A. Wurts. Elders H. R. Brown, Robert Potts.

On Missions.—Revs. Wm. H. De Hart, D. K. Van Doren, F. C. Scoville. Elders John H. Freligh, Martin Ham.

On Leave of Absence.—Revs. N. F. Nickerson, B. A. Bartholf, Henry M. Cox. Elders A. H. Van Veghten, W. H. Furbeck.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Treasurer's accounts and vouchers were read and referred to the Committee on the Treasury. Communications from Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., in regard to the Church at Canastota; and from Rev. Albert D. Minor in regard to the action of the Presbyterian church in receiving churches from our denomination, were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick were received.

The following delegates were elected to the Particular Synods: New York, Rev. C. Van Santwood, D. D.; Chicago, Rev. William H. Nasholds; New Brunswick, Rev. Elbert N. Sebring.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report, that the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, and also the Minutes for General Synod for 1886, have been put into their hands. We find nothing calling for the action of this Synod except the following:

FIRST. We call Synod's attention to General Synod's resolution (pg. 29 of the Minutes) regarding errors and deficiencies in the statistical ıbles; and, in accord with General Synod's resolution, we offer the fol-ıwing:

Resolved, That the Clerks of the several Classes, be authorized and di-ːcted to supply, from the reports of the previous year, all omissions in the atistical tables in relation to (*a*) The total number of families, (*b*) The tal number in communion, (*c*) The total enrollment of Sunday School; ıd also to correct all manifest errors in the tables.

SECOND, We call attention to the fact that under resolution of General ɾnod (pg. 207) the delegates from non-contributing Classes will not be lowed to share in the benefits of Synod's Entertainment Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. A. WURTS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Necrology presented the follow-ıg report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committtee on Necrology respectfully report that five deaths in the inistry of this Particular Synod during the past year have come to our ıowledge. Three of veterans, who, having faithfully borne the labor and at of the day, quietly went home to rest at the Master's call; and two in e very beginning of what promised to be most prosperous and successful nistries. In every one of these cases we can humbly and thankfully say, The Lord hath dealt with His servants according to His word." The fol-ving notice of the Rev. Dr. Clark has been kindly furnished your com-ttee by the Rev. J. Lansing Pearse, Stated Clerk of the Classis of Albany:

REV. RUFUS W. CLARK, D. D., passed away from earth on the morning of e 9th of August, at Lasconset, Mass. His death was a surprise to his ends as but a few days before he was in usual health, and three months fore, in a communication to the Classis of Albany, he assured the brethren at he was in excellent health and labori g earnestly for the Master in eaching the Gospel every Sabbath and as opportunity offered. His life as fruitful in good works, and so faithfully did he preach the Gospel that o much could hardly be said in his praise as a devoted servant of the ɔrd Jesus. He began his ministry in the Second Presbyterian church of ashington, D. C. He labored ten years in Portsmouth, N. H., five years East Boston, five years in Brooklyn. But his life work was in the First eformed church of Albany, where for twenty years he ministered to the eople in spiritual things with great acceptance and with constant tokens of ıe divine blessing on his labors in additions to the church at every com-ıunion season. As a pastor he was faithful, as a friend he was genial and ving, carrying about in his face the sunshine of the Gospel. He was lways ready cheerfully to assist every good cause and gave utterance to ords of encouragement and hope. Dr. Clark lived to a good old age, eing in his seventy-third year, his body was strong and vigorous and his ental faculties growing even more active to the last. He was the author f eleven books for the use of Sabbath Schools and a number of larger orks and he was a frequent contributor to the public press.

One who knew him long and intimately says of him: "He was one of the ost thankful and sunny christians I have ever known." He met death ith a cheerful, hopeful christian spirit. When it became evident that his ckness was unto death to one who asked whether he had any accounts to e settled he replied: "I have repented of all my sins, I have made my eace with God through my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I have no other ccount to settle." "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into ıe joy of thy Lord."

The Classis of Albany at their first meeting after his death bear this testimony that "In all things which make up a good minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, Dr. Clark stands before us in memory as a noble example, sound in the faith, apt to teach, devoted to his work, in sympathy with and helping every good endeavor he made his life a blessing."

The REV. JOSEPH PAIGE DAVIS, Pastor of the Third Church, Albany, by a most mysterious Providence, was called to rest from his day's work early in the morning. In the twenty-seventh year of his life and the third of his ministry, he died, April 16th, after an illness of only two weeks.

Upon his graduation from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, in 1884, he accepted the pastorate of the First Church of Bethlehem, where he labored very earnestly and very successfully for about two years, when he was called to the Third Church of Albany. There he was immediately recognized as one of the most efficient young pastors in the city, with most brilliant prospects of usefulness. His own people clave to him with enthusiasm, and they and he looked forward to great things for the Master and his church, and for souls.

But the Lord seeth not as man seeth. Our young brother's work is done; his purposes are broken off; but the helps he inspired and the impulses he gave are not lost, and shall not be until they result in the Lord's own measure of fruition of glory.

Mr. Davis was full of energy, eloquent, judicious, and thoroughly evangelical, in spirit and teaching. His early death is a bereavement not only to his church and his city, but to the denomination and to the whole church of Christ. The Lord sanctify it to us who remain, and to those who come after.

The REV. JAMES F. KING, Pastor of the Church of Roxbury, died May 30th, 1886. He was a young man who had been in the ministry only three years; yet long enough to show great promise of usefulness, and to secure the confidence and affection of his church, and of his brethren in the Classis. Upon notice of his death, the Classis of Ulster, to which he belonged, made the following expression of their esteem for him as a man and as a minister of Christ: "We take this occasion to put upon record our appreciation of his earnest and pure Christian character, his ability as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and his beautiful consecration to the work to which he had given his life. We shall remember him as a holy, as well as an able minister of the New Testament." Surely the life is not, and never can be lost, which has made such impression upon the fellow-servants of one who has quickly passed before them to give account of his stewardship.

The REV. ALEXANDER GULICK, of the same Classis, died April 1st, 1887. He had passed his three score years and ten, forty-seven of which had been expended in the work of the ministry. Most of his service was in the Presbyterian church in which he was educated; but he had spent twelve of the best years of his manhood in pastorates in the Classis of Ulster, and when he felt that his work was done he returned to the fellowship of that Classis to pass the evening of his days. The brethren who carried him to his burial say; "His work in the Classis is pleasantly remembered by those when associated with him, and they testify cordially to his earnest presentation of the Gospel message, his faithful pastoral service among his people, his amiable character and sincere piety; and they rejoice that while disabled for years for the active work of the ministry, he sustained to the close of life the character that marked him in his vigorous years. He finished his course in peace and in faith, and was ready, when bidden, to enter into the joy of the Lord.

The Rev. Thomas L. Shaffer died at East Main, Broome county, at the residence of his son on April 10th, 1887, in the eighty-first year of his age. He had retired from the active ministry several years previous to the evening of life. He was licensed by the Classis of Schoharie in 1859 and held pastorates within its bounds until 1874. He began his ministry in the Reformed churches of North Blenheim and Breakabin, serving there for seven years. His second and last charge was at Sharon. The Classis of Ulster at their last meeting, on May 3d, in a series of resolutions spoke the following words concerning him: "We fondly cherish the memory of our brother as a minister, abundant in labors, pleasant and wise in counsel, and zealous in all that pertained to the Redeemer's kingdom in the church. That in his departure we are admonished to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, for soon the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. DE BAUN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Missions presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee have received no communications. As the Classes have considered the mission work of the church and its needs, we see nothing which calls for action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. H. DE HART, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Treasurer's Account presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Commmittee on Accounts would beg leave to report, that having examined the book and papers of the treasurer, we find vouchers for receipts and expenditures to be:

From former Treasurer and Classes	$275 46
Amount expended	158 60
	$116 86

The committee would also recommend that the expenses of Dr. Hartley, incurred in transacting Synod's business in regard to the South Church of West Troy, should be paid. The committee would also suggest that the sexton of this church be remembered by the sum of $5.

THEODORE SHAFER, *Chairman.*

CASH ACCOUNT OF PARTICULAR SYNOD.

1886				*Received.*	
May 4,	Cash	from	late Treasurer		$129 46
" 26,	"	"	Classis	Albany	24 00
" 26,	"	"	"	Saratoga	14 00
" 26,	"	"	"	Schenectady	14 00
" 26,	"	"	"	Greene	12 00
" 27,	"	"	"	Schoharie	8 00
June 4,	"	"	"	Geneva	9 00
Oct. 7,	"	"	"	Montgomery	20 00
" 8,	"	"	"	Cayuga	9 00
" 29,	"	"	"	Ulster	18 00
Nov. 2,	"	"	"	Rensselaer	18 00
					$275 46

1886		*Paid.*	
May 6,	Paid	salary Stated Clerk	$50 00
" 6,	"	allowance to same	6 00
" 22,	"	Dr. Wortman	5 00
" 24,	"	Munsell's Sons	95 60
1887			
April 2,	"	Blanks	2 00
			$158 60
	Cash	to new account	116 86
			$275 46

J. W. BEARDSLEE, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Religious Services presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Religious Services would respectfully report: That under Article III of the Rules of order—the first evening of the next meeting of the Synod be devoted to the consideration of the question: "What needs special emphasis in present church work?" The subject to be opened by the Rev. Jno. A. De Baun, D.D., with Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D. as Secundus; and that thirty minutes be allowed for his essay or address; to be followed by a ten minutes address by the Rev. A. M. Arcularius, with Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste as Secundus.

And that the subject for the second evening be: "The duties of the Consistory towards the Baptized Non-Communicants of the Church." The first address or essay of thirty or less minutes, to be by Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D. D., with Rev. J. Paschal Strong as Secundus; to be followed by ten minute remark by the Rev. Alan D. Campbell, with Rev. A. J Sebring as Secundus.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC S. HARTLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would report as follows:

There has been referred to your Committee the matter relating to the Reformed Church of Canastota. In view of the statements made to the Synod and the Committee by the representatives of the Classis of Cayuga, we offer the following resolutions.

1. That this Synod hereby expresses its approval of the efforts made by the Classis of Cayuga to maintain the authority and self-respect of our denomination with reference to the church of Canastota, N. Y.

2. That in the opinion of this Synod, the people and property of said church are still under legal and moral allegiance to the Reformed Church in America.

3. This Synod, regarding the course of the Presbytery of Syracuse, as not in harmony with the correspondence which subsists between our General Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, does hereby request and appoint the Rev. Isaac S. Hart-

D. D., to bring the facts of the case to the special attention of the next eral Synod, and ask for such action as the exigencies of the case requires.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. LIPPINCOTT, *Chairman.*

The following Report of the Committee on Classi- Minutes, was accepted and adopted:

he Committee on Classical Minutes, would report as follows:

he following Classes presented their minutes: Albany, Cayuga, Geneva, tgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie and Ulster.

ne minutes of the Classes of Albany, Montgomery, Saratoga and Schen- ly, give no occasion for comment. Your Committee recommends them pproval without qualification.

ne Stated Clerks of the Classes of Cayuga, Geneva, Schoharie and Ulster o comply with the request of the Particular Synod, recorded on page 17 he minutes of 1885, viz.: "*Resolved*, That hereafter in recording the rers of the Churches to the seventh Constitutional Enquiry, the Stated ks of the several Classis be requested to note the number of Boards and ds, for which contributions have been made, instead of recording a le negative when one or more of the Boards or Funds of the church been remembered."

he Stated Clerk of the Classis of Ulster retains the word *Questorate*, the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Rensselaer, the words *Questor* and *storate*, notwithstanding the request of the Synod, that the words *asurer* and *Treasury* be substituted.

he minutes of the Classis of Ulster, are written in violet ink instead of k, which detracts from their legibility, mars their appearance, and sumably) impairs their permanence.

our Committee recommends the minutes of the Classes of Cayuga, Rens- er, Schoharie and Ulster for approval; but thinks the Synod should uest the Stated Clerks of these Classes, to note the faults in their minutes, hich reference has been made, and to avoid them in the future.

our Committee commends the neatness, with which the minutes of the sis of Geneva are kept; but regrets the necessity of saying that it can recommend these minutes for the approval of the Synod.

irst. The Classis has commenced a new book during this year, and only has been placed in your Committee's hands, so that we have seen no utes of a date earlier than April 19th, 1887.

econd. The minutes contain superfluous matter, worse than useless; yet things that ought to be recorded, are omitted. For instance, it is orded that the last classical "sermon, was a very impressive and appro- te one, adapted and applied to the present state of the church;" but reception of a minister is thus recorded: "A certificate for membership Classis was presented by the Rev. E. Van De Hart and accepted, and was received on condition that he would sign the formula required by constitution of our church in due time," no intimation being given of nce Mr. Van De Hart came to the Classis of Geneva.

hird. Such liberties are taken with the ordinary rules of orthography syntax, that at times the minutes are with difficulty understood, not- standing the unusually good penmanship. Furthermore, it scarcely is oming in the record of Classis, to have *Synods* spelled *s-y-n-o-n-d-s*, o have our beloved Reformed Church spoken of as the "*reform* Church," l with a small *r* at that.

ourthly. The footings of the columns in the statistical table are marvel- ly inaccurate.

The condition of these records is such that your committee is of the opinion that this Synod should recommend the Classis of Geneva to have the office of its Stated Clerk filled by one who is sufficiently familiar with our ecclesiastical polity and with the duties of a recording officer, to know what to record; and sufficiently familiar with the English language to be able to make his records readily intelligible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

REV. ALBERT DOD MINOR, *Chairman.*

The committee on the Synodical Report presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee on the state of the churches comprising the Synod of Albany, respectfully reports, that the statements of the various Classes, together with their statistical tables, have been carefully examined, and from them the following summary is condensed:

The Classis of Albany reports a year of more than ordinary fruitfulness. Nearly all the churches have received encouraging accessions, and a few of them rejoice in large ingatherings. The report states that there is a net gain in membership of 268 souls. A comparison of the total membership of the churches with the total reported last year gives this result. But the figures are misleading, for a computation of the figures given in this year's report, in the several columns relating to the subject, shows the net gain of membership to be 185. The total of benevolent contributions falls short of the amount reported last year by about $7,000. It is stated, however, that there is an increase in the contributions for missions this year of over $2,000.

The state of the churches in the Classis of Cayuga seems, on the whole, to be hopeful. There has been no large ingathering, though a few of the churches have received encouraging additions. The attitude of most of them is that of lively expectation of future blessing, in view of present tokens of the Divine favor. The net increase of membership is 22 souls, though a comparison of the total membership with that reported last year shows a decrease of 54. The disparity is mainly accounted for by the revision of the roll of membership of the church of Syracuse. The religious and benevolent contributions have fallen off nearly $1,000 as compared with last year.

The Classis of Geneva reports loss in some quarters and gain in others. Some of its churches are scarcely more than a name, and others are threatened with extinction. On the other hand, encouraging results of the year's work are reported from certain parts of the field occupied by the Classis, in the shape of both spiritual and temporal prosperity. The net gain in membership is 37. There is an increase in benevolent contributions over last year of about $300.

The tone of the Classis of Greene's report, is one of gratitude and joy over an advance movement all along the line. A quickened spiritual life characterizes the churches, all of which have received encouraging additions to their membership, while some have been blessed with a revival interest. The net increase of the membership of the churches of this Classis is 4, though a comparison of the total membership with that reported last year shows an increase of only 15. The disparity seems to be accounted for by a considerable decrease from last year in the reported membership of the church at Kiskatom, though this church has been favored with a "remarkable quickening," and reports this year a larger addition to its membership than any other church in the Classis. No intimation is given of a revision of its membership roll. The reported benevolent contributions of the churches exceed last year's amount by more than $500.

ıe Classis of Montgomery reports a year of prosperity and growth. Holy Sprit's power has been remarkably manifest in some of the :hes, while almost all of them have experienced some measure of His :ening and converting grace. There is an increase of 99 souls in the ɔer of conversions over that reported last year. The net gain of the bership of the churches is 140. Owing to revision of rolls, however, ɔtal membership shows an increase of only 85 over the total of last There is a falling off in the amount of benevolent contributions of y $300.

e Classis of Rensselaer is in a sound and healthy condition, its churches rently making steady progress in both spiritual and temporal affairs. : of them have been blessed with revival interest. The church of nbush mourns the sudden disabling of its pastor by a stroke of paraly- ı the 7th of December last. The net gain in membership of this s is 72; though here again a comparison of the totals reduces the num- naking it in this case 59. The benevolence of the churches is well main- d, the total of contributions showing a slight increase over that of ear.

e Classis of Saratoga reports encouraging progress in almost all parts : field. Seven of its churches have been favored with an unusual ual blessing, while in others there has been a steady, healthful growth ıghout the year. The net gain in membership is 58 souls. There is a :ase in the amount of benevolent contributions of a little more than . Supposing Northumerland's contributions to be reported, there ıl probably be a slight increase.

e Classis of Schenectady reports a year of progress, and yet not at the which obligation and opportunity would seem to demand. Most of the :hes have made gains in membership, and speak encouragingly of their ual state. The church of Helderberg has revised its roll to the extent ducing the total gain in membership of the classis to 28 souls. whereas ctual net gain is 98. There is a decrease from last year in the contri- ns for religious and benevolent purposes, amounting to over $1,700. large falling off is accounted for, however, by the fact that certain ordinary contributions by the First Church of Schenectady, for the ing of Hope Chapel, were included in the report of last year. Com- ı with the year prior to that, the benevolence of the Classis shows a t increase this year.

ıe Classis of Schoharie has a very meagre showing to make for a year's in its field. Its report declares that "spiritual dearth is prevalent in y all the churches." The net gain in membership is but thirteen souls. total of membership compared with the total reported last year, shows :rease for the present year of 148. The case is one of neglect to fill up tatistical table. Gilboa, which last year reported 125 members, and h this year reported a larger addition on confession than any other :h of the classis, makes no showing at all in the column of total in nunion. One new name appears in the list, that of Eminence, which :ts 7 members. The report of the classis states that "the benevolence e churches has been greatly decreased." A comparison, however, of otal amount contributed with that reported last year, shows a gain for present year of $769.59. Your committee is strongly of the opinion there is a larger error in the figures given for one of the churches, the ection of which would go far to just fy the statement made in the rt.

ıe Classis of Ulster reports a year of advance. Its churches are gener- in a healthful state, the most of them making gains from the world. of them, Esopus and Port Ewen, have been blessed with powerful

revivals, resulting in large accessions. The net gain of membership to the Classis is 177. A comparison, however, of the total in communion with the total reported last year yields a gain of 253, as against the actual net gain of 177,—a result precisely opposite to that reached in making this comparison in the case of most of the Classes which have been brought under review. Your committee is at a loss to account for this large discrepancy. The benevolent contributions of this Classis show an increase over those of last year amounting to more than $600.

A review of the whole field occupied by this Synod presents certain features of very considerable encouragement. The quickening and converting grace of the Holy Spirit is manifest here and there in unwonted measure, and generally over the field there are tokens of His presence and blessing. There are, it is true, some barren places that do not present the aspect of a field which the Lord hath blessed; but these are so encompassed by the light and warmth of the heavenly presence, that we look to see them swallowed up presently in the prevailing brightness. It becomes us to recognize with gratitude and joy how great things the Lord has done for us. The number of members received on confession into our churches (1150) exceeds that of last year by 229 souls. The largest ingathering is in that part of the field cultivated by the Classis of Ulster, whose churches have received an accession of 215 converts. Montgomery comes next with 209, and Albany next with 181. The net gain of church members in the Synod is 845. This added to the total reported last year carries the number up to 20.408. The column of total membership reported this year foots up only 20.165,—a manifestly incorrect figure, as the larger total given above is reached by the summing up of the several items of gain computed for each Classis. The passing into the twenty thousands of membership, marks an era in the progress of this Synod which should be noted with congratulation and thanksgiving to God.

On the other hand, it becomes us seriously to consider the results of a year's labor from the standpoint of human accountability and opportunity. Nearly twenty thousand christians, it would seem, ought to bring more than 1,150 souls to Christ in the course of a year. If all the me bers of our churches were actuated by an aggressive spirit, is it not likely that a far larger number would be reached and brought into the kingdom? Most true is it, indeed, that divine power alone is equal to the conversion of a soul; but it is also a truth, and that of most solemn import, that the church is the appointed channel for conveying that power to a helpless and perishing world. The people of God are the appointed agents for the saving of man. But the trouble is that so many who profess and call themselves Christians make almost no effort in this direction. Our churches have quite too many honorary members. When each one who enrolls himself among the disciples of Christ comes to feel that he has a special work to do for the Master, and sets about doing it with earnest purpose, there will be much more notable achievements, year by year, than any we have yet been privileged to record. Let us hope that the progress which our churches have made this year will prove to be a step toward a deeper and a more general consecration to the service of Christ throughout the whole Synod. An aggressive spirit on the part of all—devoted, determined, persistent—this, with the blessing of God, which is assured to faithfulness, will make the record of the coming year worthy of our opportunities and our resources.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DEMAREST, *Chairman Committee.*

'ollowing are the ministerial changes:

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

ved—Rev. David F. Williams from the Classis
/ Brunswick June 21, 1886; Rev. Lawrence
ı from the Classis of Iowa January 24, 1887;
'illiam H. DeHart from the North Classis of
ıland January 24, 1887.

lled—Rev. Joseph P. Davis over the Third
ed Church of Albany June 14, 1886; Rev.
'. Williams over the church of New Salem June
ı; Rev. Lawrence Dykstra over the Holland
ed church of Albany February 9, 1887; Rev.
ı H. DeHart over the First Reformed Church
lehem February 8, 1887.

ıral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. J. P.
nd the First Reformed church of Bethlehem
, 1886; Rev. W. F. Faulkner and the church
ıterlo September 21, 1886; Rev. C. M. Perlee
'ille and Onesquethaw March 21, 1887;
. F. Williams and the church of New Salem
ı, 1887.

issed—Rev. W. F. Faulkner to Classis of
April 19, 1887.

—Rev. Rufus W. Clark, D. D., July —, 188–;
ıseph Paige Davis April 16, 1887.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

ıral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. C. O.
er and the church of Chittenango, N. Y., to
fect May 1, 1887.

issed—Rev. E. C. Lawrence to Presbytery of
ıpril 6, 1887; Rev. George Rockwell to Classis
tchester April 6, 1887.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

ived—Rev. William H. Ballagh from the
of Monmouth October 3, 1886; Rev. E. Van
rt from the Presbytery of Lansing, Mich.

lled—Rev. William H. Ballagh over the
of Lodi October 26, 1886.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. Chester L. Murray and the church of Lodi August 3, 1886; Rev. Matthew Kolyn and the church of Marion August 23, 1886; Rev. J. W. TeWinkle and the church of East Williamson November 12, 1886.

Dismissed—Rev. Matthew Kolyn to the Classis of Grand River, Mich., August 23, 1886; Rev. J. W. TeWinkle to the Classis of Wisconsin November 12, 1886.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Installed—Rev. William Bancroft Hill over the First church of Athens, September 21, 1886.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. George J. Van Neste and the church of Kiskatom December 6, 1886.

Dismissed—Rev. George J. Van Neste to the Classis of Ulster.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Received—Licentiate, Rev. John W. Brandow from the Classis of Greene June 30, 1886; Rev. W. V. Whitney from the M. E. Church September 21, 1886.

Installed—Rev. Garret Wyckoff over the churches of Currytown and Mapletown May 25, 1886; Rev. John H. Brandow over the church of Mohawk June 30, 1886; Rev. William W. Whitney over the church of Ephratah October 12, 1886.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. A. J. Hageman and the church of Hageman's Mills March 8, 1887.

Dismissed—Rev. A. J. Hageman to South Classis of Long Island March 8, 1887.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Received—Licentiate, Norman Plass from the New Haven Central Association June 22, 1886; Licentiate George Z. Collier from the Classis of New Brunswick October 5, 1886.

Ordained and Installed—Rev. Norman Plass over the church of Schodack June 22, 1886; Rev. George Z. Collier over the church of Stuyvesant November 3, 1886.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. Elbert vius and the church of Stuyvesant October 10, 36; Rev. John Steele, D. D., and the church of st Greenbush April 19, 1887.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Received—Rev. F. C. Scoville from the Hudson ver Congregational Association September 21, 1886.

Installed—Rev. F. C. Scoville over the church of ıion Village.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. John . Bailey and the church of Northumberland vember 26, 1886.

Dismissed—Rev. John W. Bailey to the Congregaıal church of Rutland, Vt., December 14, 1886.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Received—Rev. Henry M. Voorhees from the Prestery of Morris and Orange June 15, 1886; Rev. E. Blekkink, Licentiate, from the Classis of Wisısin November 8, 1886; Rev. A. C. Sewell from the ırth Berkshire Association of Congregational Miners January 14, 1887.

Installed—Rev. Henry M. Voorhees over the church Helderberg July 8, 1886; Rev. E. J. Blekkink over ə church of Lisha's Kill December 2, 1886; Rev. A. Sewell over the First church of Schenectady Febıry 2, 1887.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Received—Rev. William A. Wurts from the Classis Ulster November 11, 1886; Rev. E. Vedder from ə Classis of Albany November 11, 1886.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. Wilm D. Buckelew and the church of Schoharie ıuntain May 25, 1886; Rev. J. H. Van Doren and ə church of Gallupville May 25, 1886.

Dismissed—Rev. William D. Buckelew to the Prestery of Central Dakota May 25, 1886; Rev. J. H. ın Doren to the Classis of Ulster May 25, 1886.

Died—Rev. Thomas L. Shafer.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Rev. J. Howard Van Doren from the Classis of Schoharie June 1, 1886; Rev. William Schmitz from the Classis of Raritan October 5, 1886; Rev. George J. Van Neste from the Classis of Greene January 11, 1887; Rev. Edward L. Ackerman from the Classis of Paramus January 11, 1887; John T. Bergen, Licentiate, from the Classis of South Long Island June 1, 1886.

Installed—Rev. William Schmitz over the church of Roxbury November 3, 1886; Rev. George J. Van Neste over the church of Flatbush January 11, 1887; Rev. Edward L. Ackerman over the church of Woodstock January 18, 1887.

Ordained and Installed—Rev. John T. Bergen, Licentiate, over the churches of Shokan and Shandaken January 1, 1886.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved Between—Rev. William A. Wurts and the church of Woodstock October 5, 1886; Rev. A. A. Zabriskie and the church of Flatbush October 5, 1886.

Dismissed—Rev. F. F. Wilson to Classis of Poughkeepsie June 1, 1886; Rev. William A. Wurts to the Classis of Schoharie October 5, 1886.

Died—Rev. James F. King, May 30, 1886; Rev. Alex. Gulick April 1, 1887.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-Office Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of	Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Reformed	J. Wilbur Chapman	279	61	34	5	....	8	582	16	29	.....	.....	1	413	$4,437 51	$11,183 63	Albany, N. Y.
Second Reformed	Wesley R. Davis	286	43	29	1	....	5	461	6	16	.....	75	1	507	7,546 36	11,701 32	Albany, N. Y.
Third Reformed	Vacant	189	6	5	3	1	7	290	4	....	.....	277	1	.....	398 89	2,463 56	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Reformed	J. F. Neef	66	11	....	....	....	1	140	11	....	.....	50	1	145	70 00	1,914 00	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Reformed	Lawrence Dykstra	83	1	3	4	....	3	143	11	....	.....	80	1	140	264 31	991 29	Albany N. Y.
First Bethlehem	Wm. H. DeHart	135	7	1	5	....	3	200	2	4	.....	.....	4	225	54 61	1,253 41	Bethlehem Centre, N.Y.
Second Bethlehem	J. Lansing Pearse, S.C.	100	7	6	2	....	4	217	3	2	.....	75	1	140	200 45	1,175 00	Delmar, N. Y.
Second Berne	Andrew Parsons	46	11	6	2	....	4	130	1	5	.....	15	1	79	25 00	517 00	Knox, N. Y.
Knox	Andrew Parsons	20	5	1	1	....	1	42	....	1	.....	8	1	85	32 00	497 00	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville	Vacant	50	....	1	6	1	1	100	1	....	.....	40	1	148	29 64	394 62	Clarksville, N. Y.
Coeymans	Horace P. Craig	100	21	2	6	....	3	194	2	10	.....	125	1	125	259 22	1,489 19	Coeymans, N. Y.
Jerusalem	John H. Scarlet	80	5	2	1	....	5	127	2	3	.....	40	1	129	12 00	1,477 53	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem	David F. Williams	112	1	6	4	....	....	*195	22	2	64	194	1	212	18 02	1,120 78	New Salem, N. Y.
New Baltimore	A. M. Arcularius	101	2	6	4	....	4	195	1	1	.....	.....	1	134	269 87	1,576 99	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Onesquethaw	Vacant	45	....	1	....	....	2	69	1	....	21	40	1	50	8 19	451 57	Clarksville, N. Y.
Union	John H Scarlet, S. S.	48	....	....	....	....	2	34	....	....	.....	45	1	95	10 00	.....	Jerusalem, N. Y.
Westerlo	Vacant †	48	....	....	....	....	....	76	....	....	.....	.....	1	52	.....	.....	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total		1808	181	103	44	2	53	3195	83	73	85	1064	20	2679	$13,636 07	$38,206 89	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. Bailey, Cedar Hill, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Perlee, Clarksville, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Nyack, N. Y.

* Revised List.

† Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Number of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-Office Address
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canastota	.....	‡62	....	....	....	....	....	64	....	....	.....	.....	1	205	.....	.....	Canastota, N. Y.
Cicero	Vacant	40	....	....	....	....	1	25	....	....	.....	.....	1	80	$40 00	$441 00	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango	C. O. Thatcher (S. C.)	82	11	1	4	....	1	132	....	7	.....	.....	1	127	107 87	1,313 31	Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumberg	Henry Unglaub	18	4	....	....	....	1	55	1	....	.....	12	1	70	14 52	325 00	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen	Henry Unglaub	8	....	....	....	....	1	29	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	4 34	100 00	Naumberg, N. Y.
Owasco	Jonah W. Vaughan	120	2	1	....	....	....	123	1	....	.....	.....	2	240	62 45	1,001 67	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet	Vacant	40	2	....	1	....	....	44	....	1	.....	.....	1	35	87 02	455 00	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock	Henry Frech	14	....	....	....	....	....	26	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	8 00	.....	West Leyden, N. Y.
Syracuse	W. P. Coddingt'n, S. S.†	142	21	10	13	....	3	*240	2	6	.....	292	1	342	884 92	4,012 00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles	C. P. Evans, S. S.†	80	....	3	4	....	....	99	4	....	.....	.....	1	110	.....	.....	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Utica	Isaac S. Hartley, D.D.	117	4	3	1	....	7	163	8	2	.....	.....	2	260	1,284 00	3,430 92	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden	Henry Frech	25	....	1	4	...	....	40	2	....	.....	.....	....	.....	53 21	213 95	West Leyden, N. Y.
Total	.....	748	44	19	27	....	14	1040	18	16	.....	304	11	1569	$2,546 33	$11,292 85	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Peter A. Moelling, Rome, N. Y.; Rev. Guido F. Verbeck, D. D., Tokio, Japan.

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Abbe Church	Dirk De Bey	69	13	....	1	5	3	140	4	....	.....	.....	1	134	$138 77	$1,190 00	Clymer, Chautauqua.
Arcadia	William Baas	40	3	12	....	....	....	80	28	....	.....	.....	1	75	11 75	200 00	Newark, Wayne Co.
Caroline	Vacant †	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Slaterville, Tompkins.
Clymer	Marinus Van Doren	83	....	1	....	....	5	200	3	....	.....	28	1	90	124 50	631 00	Clymer, Chautauqua.
East Williamson	Vacant	118	2	1	6	....	1	269	15	....	.....	.....	1	120	106 04	1,183 43	Williamson, Wayne.
Farmer Village	William H. Nasholds	126	2	2	3	1	6	209	1	1	.....	.....	1	115	36 00	1,658 52	Farmervillage, Seneca.
Geneva	Vacant ‡	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Geneva, Ontario.
Lodi	Wm. H. Ballagh	80	14	2	....	....	5	188	3	3	.....	.....	1	175	163 46	1,592 23	Lodi, Seneca.
Marion	S. Hoogenboom*	120	1	2	3	....	4	254	7	....	.....	.....	1	185	47 43	.....	Marion, Wayne.
Mina	Vacant	4	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	12 00	.....	Mina, Chautauqua.
Dunkirk	Vacant	6	....	....	9	....	1	16	....	....	.....	.....	1	8	15 00	40 00	Dunkirk, Chautauqua.
Ontario	Vacant ‡	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ontario, Wayne.
Pultneyville	A. B. Veenhuisen, S.S.	56	2	8	6	....	....	103	4	....	.....	.....	1	50	104 48	292 85	Pultneyville, Wayne.
First Rochester	Pater De Bruyn	206	16	3	32†	....	....	309	30	....	.....	130	1	230	905 52	2,012 25	Rochester, Monroe.
Second Rochester	E. Van der Hart*	15	....	31	....	....	....	31	....	....	.....	.....	1	82	.....	432 55	Rochester, Monroe.
Palmyra	Wm. H. Baas	28	4	6	....	....	....	56	17	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	100 00	Palmyra, Wayne.
Tyre	F. W. Ruhle	40	3	1	2	....	....	73	1	1	.....	.....	1	100	129 11	432 55	Malcom, Seneca.
Total	.....	991	60	69	62	6	25	1940	124	5	.....	158	12	1364	$1,794 06	$9,765 38	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Whitbeck, S. C., Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D. D., Farmervillage, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Boehrer, 1175 Michigan avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Emeritus, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., and the Rev. Chester P. Murray, moved to Union Springs, N. Y.

Candidate.—Mr. S. Hoogenboom.

*Pastor elect. †Dismissed to form a new church. ‡No reports.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Number of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Address.
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First Athens	W. Bancroft Hill	98	9	2	2	....	2	183	....	5	56	.....	1	176	$244 04	$1,558 08	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	Elbert N. Sebring	25	3	....	1	....	.. .	31	1	....	.....	.....	....	.....	10 00	225 00	Leeds, N. Y.
First Catskill	Evert Van Slyke, D.D.	175	13	3	1	....	13	457	2	3	232	175	3	290	1,340 31	3,486 36	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie	B. B. Staats	107	4	2	2	....	6	193	1	2	48	88	1	173	212 98	1,406 09	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie	Jno. H. Salisbury	143	15	2	5	....	8	275	4	8	63	.....	1	200	758 08	2,613 53	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom	Vacant	90	30	3	8	....	2	192	7	18	.....	.....	2	.....	116 62	600 00	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds	Elbert N. Sebring	70	9	1	3	....	....	96	2	6	.....	.....	1	75	95 00	1,240 00	Leeds, N. Y.
Total	.....	708	83	13	22	....	31	1427	17	42	399	263	9	914	$2,777 03	$11,129 06	

Other Ministers.—S. W. Roe, Cairo, N. Y.; B. Van Zandt, S. C., Catskill, N. Y.
Candidates.—William Henry Boocock, Henry R. DuBois, Melvin D. Brandow, Edward Otis Chickering, Henry C. Cusler.

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Auriesville	J. Campbell Boyd, S.S.	42	2	....	1	....	....	48	2	1	.....	.....	1	80	$68 00	$368 95	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie	Francis S. Haines	200	66	9	3	....	5	305	20	40	.....	.....	2	218	217 03	1,804 46	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Columbia	Theo. A. Beekman	67	13	....	2	....	3	73	....	10	.....	22	2	178	63 90	685 22	Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville	Vacant	†40	....	2	....	....	....	45	....	....	.....	.....	1	35	.....	273 71	Cranesville, N. Y.
Currytown	Garrett Wyckoff	30	14	5	....	....	2	67	....	4	.....	36	1	48	73 32	1,020 59	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah	Wm. W. Whitney	62	4	1	1	1	3	112	4	2	.....	24	1	112	15 00	1,145 91	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	72	5	3	2	....	2	118	....	5	.....	.....	1	120	130 00	1,500 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda	John A. DeBaun	214	20	3	12	4	6	430	3	12	.....	.....	4	400	812 80	2,203 55	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Plain	James Demarest	145	40	4	1	....	2	*228	5	12	.....	70	1	166	494 61	3,024 58	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer †	Vacant	7	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	.....	1	36	.....	.....	Herkimer, N. Y.
Fultonville	F. V. Van Vranken	115	1	3	3	....	....	133	....	1	.....	90	1	105	291 40	1,743 35	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen	S. O. Lawsing	83	5	3	....	....	....	114	13	2	.....	70	2	150	300 53	997 40	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills	Vacant	100	3	2	4	....	4	152	2	1	54	75	1	165	157 79	2,800 00	Hagaman's Mills, N.Y.
Henderson	Daniel Lord	13	....	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	.....	.....	1	25	35 00	65 00	Jordonville, N. Y.
Herkimer	Henry M. Cox, S. C.	115	4	1	2	....	4	166	1	....	†125	50	2	168	243 72	1,432 66	Herkimer, N. Y.
Manheim	Vacant	20	....	....	16	....	2	40	1	....	.....	30	1	35	.....	165 00	East Creek, N. Y.
Mapletown	Garret Wyckoff	36	4	3	2	....	2	41	....	4	18	30	1	35	23 00	672 50	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk	John H. Brandow	*70	16	5	....	....	3	*86	....	8	.....	.....	1	125	37 42	1,272 41	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson	J. R. Kyle	100	....	5	8	†6	4	183	3	....	120	.....	1	170	270 93	2,323 87	Port Jackson, N. Y.
St. Johnsville	Albert Dod Minor	110	8	2	2	....	4	165	....	6	.....	.....	1	175	108 60	1,234 71	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Stone Arabia	Vacant	40	4	....	....	....	1	73	1	....	.....	.....	1	32	.....	259 69	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Sprakers	Vacant	32	....	....	2	....	1	25	....	....	.....	.....	1	60	.....	788 99	Sprakers, N. Y.
Total		1713	209	51	61	11	48	2629	55	108	317	497	29	2638	$3,343 05	$25,782 55	

Other Ministers —Joseph Kneiskern, Cortland Co., N. Y.: Richard R. Williams, 216 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

†Last year's report. *Revised List. ‡Estimated. §Residence unknown.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

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Bloomingrove	Jacob I. Gulick	†35	....	....	....	....	....	†70	....	....	.....	†90	†1	†90	.....	.....	Defreestville, N. Y.
Emmanuel (Castleton)	Alan D. Campbell	110	12	7	7	....	3	200	3	2	30	.....	1	256	$49 81	$4,343 47	Castleton, N. Y.
Chatham	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.	118	8	2	....	....	1	178	....	7	.....	.....	1	181	595 00	1,800 00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent	John B. Drury	80	1	2	1	....	5	98	3	....	40	35	1	130	395 00	1,328 00	Ghent, N. Y.
Second Ghent	Isaac S. Schenck	82	5	2	....	....	....	118	5	....	.....	.....	1	80	84 37	1,048 89	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush	Vacant	100	1	....	6	....	....	210	3	1	80	.....	1	200	330 90	1,738 90	East Greenbush, N.Y.
Kinderhook	Edw'd A. Collier, S. C.	165	35	4	4	....	8	*313	11	18	.....	90	2	174	1,781 70	2,719 90	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau	J. Henry Bertholf	137	9	....	2	....	9	258	4	3	.....	.....	1	109	400 00	1,576 09	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord	Theo. S. Brown, S. S,†	30	....	....	....	....	....	†40	....	....	.....	.....	1	†36	.....	.....	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack	Norman Plass	80	8	8	1	....	4	183	5	4	.....	40	3	130	195 11	1,533 91	Muitzeskill, N. Y.
Schodack Landing	H. A. Hendrickson	98	11	3	4	....	2	182	1	5	80	75	1	173	393 86	1,283 14	Schod'k Landing, N.Y.
Stuyvesant	Geo. Z. Collier	62	10	2	....	....	1	82	7	8	56	76	1	90	367 11	1,208 26	Stuyvesant, N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls	Elbert Nevius, S. S	†40	....	....	....	....	....	†62	...	....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Stuyvesant Falls, N.Y.
Total		1137	100	30	25	....	33	1994	42	48	286	406	15	1649	$4,592 86	$18,580 56	

Other Ministers.—Wilson Ingalls, Kinderhook, N. Y., *retired;* J. S. N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; John Steele, D. D., East Greenbush, N. Y.; W. H. McGiffert, Kingston, N. Y., *suspended.*

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Boght	George I. Taylor	40	7	6	2	....	1	81			.....	.....	1	63	$27 00	$516 50	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks	James L. Southard	46	1	1	3	....	6	56			7	.....	1	93	132 00	508 89	Buskirks, N. Y.
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong	240	20	4	6	....	5	343	11	6	.....	.....	1	400	416 00	3,385 96	Cohoes, N. Y.
Easton	A. G. Cochran, S. S	.....	....	....	....	....	....	25			.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	Easton, N. Y.
Fort Miller	E. A. McCullum	46	4	1	1	1	2	75	....	1	.....	.....	1	81	41 00	462 03	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort	Vacant	25	1	1	....	....	2	30	1	....	.....	.....	2	80	10 00	115 00	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland *	Vacant	.....	....	....	....	....	....	113	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Rensselaer *	George I. Taylor	.....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Cohoes, N. Y.
Saratoga	E. A. McCullum	149	30	2	6	....	4	286	8	21	.....	105	1	225	273 53	1,986 66	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke	Theodore Shafer	58	8	....	....	....	1	69	6	5	.....	.....	1	103	38 75	1,284 83	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village	F. C. Scoville	60	2	11	4	....	5	†157	....	....	.....	.....	1	75	80 00	2,281 74	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy (North)	J. W. Beardslee, S. C.	150	14	4	4	....	3	209	4	7	.....	.....	1	224	446 30	3,964 75	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy (South)	Vacant	39	....	....	4	....	....	27	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill	Ira Van Allen	82	2	1	....	....	2	114	3	2	.....	.....	1	67	89 92	1,684 83	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total	.....	935	89	31	30	1	31	1594	34	47	7	105	12	1441	$1,604 50	$15,491 19	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich.

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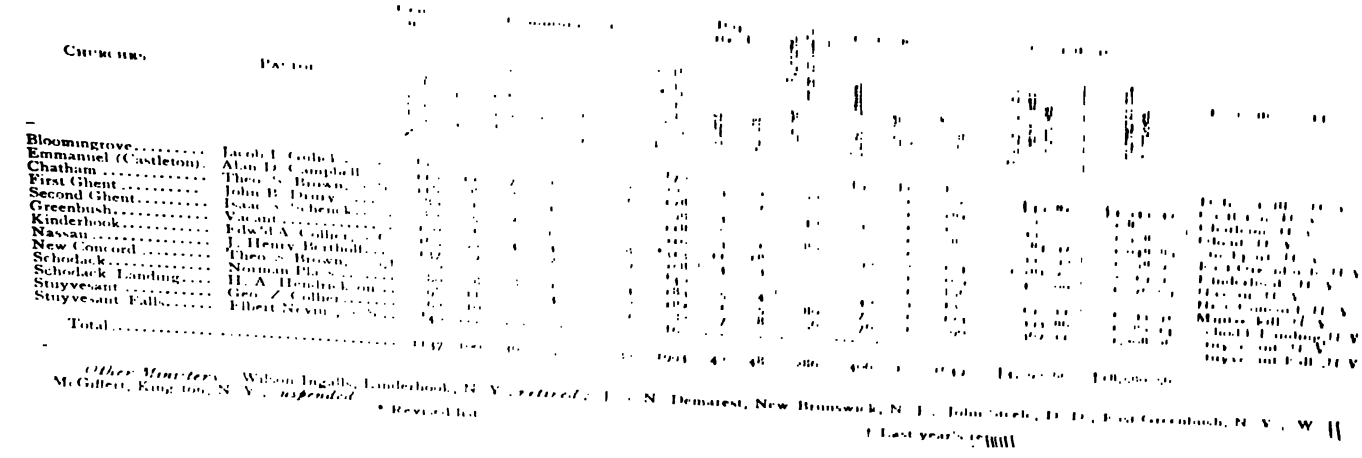

Other Ministers, Wilson Ingalls, Lauderbach, N. Y., *retired*; [illegible] N. Demarest, New Brunswick, N. J.; John Steele, D. D., [illegible] Greenbush, N. Y.; W. H. McGillert, Kingston, N. Y., *suspended*.

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Boght	George I. Taylor	40		6	2	....	1	81			.....	.....	1	63	$27 00	$516 50	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks	James L. Southard	46		1	3	....	6	56			7	.....	1	93	132 00	508 89	Buskirks, N. Y.
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong	240	20	4	6	....	5	343	11		.....	.....	1	400	416 00	3,385 96	Cohoes, N. Y.
Easton	A. G. Cochran, S. S	.....	..	....	....	....	....	25			.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	Easton, N. Y.
Fort Miller	E. A. McCullum	46	4	1	1	1	2	75			.....	.....	1	82	41 00	462 03	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort	Vacant	25		1	....	....	2	30			.....	.....	2	80	10 00	115 00	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland *	Vacant	.....	..	....	....	....	....	113			.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Rensselaer *	George I. Taylor	.....	..	....	....	....	....	9			.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Cohoes, N. Y.
Saratoga	E. A. McCullum	149	30	2	6	....	4	286	8	21	.....	105	1	225	273 53	1,986 66	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke	Theodore Shafer	58	8	....	....	....	1	69	6		.....	.....	1	103	38 75	1,284 83	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village	F. C. Scoville	60	2	11	4	....	5	†157			.....	.....	1	75	80 00	2,281 74	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy (North)	J. W. Beardslee, S. C.	150	14	4	4	....	3	209	4	7	.....	.....	1	224	446 30	3,264 75	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy (South)	Vacant	39	.....	....	4	.....	....	27	1		.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill	Ira Van Allen	82	2	1	....	....	2	114	3	2	.....	.....	1	67	89 92	1,684 83	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total	.....	935	89	31	30	1	31	1594	34	47	7	105	12	1441	$1,604 50	$15,491 19	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich.

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† Revised List.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

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First Schenectady	Albert C. Sewall	250	26	8	2	....	9	441	1	....	.....	.....	3	660	$1,435 87	$4,633 14	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	Peter E. Kipp	158	27	11	5	....	2	276	....	12	.....	165	1	228	329 84	3,412 95	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville	Norman F. Nickerson	140	2	1	6	....	7	254	3	....	.....	.....	3	208	248 33	1,200 00	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville	Robert Doing	86	15	6	3	....	2	186	....	7	.....	75	5	200	72 19	1,529 05	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe	64	7	4	2	....	3	96	2	....	.....	.....	4	190	96 00	3,575 09	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam	Lauren Vanderveer	63	16	....	5	1	2	88	4	9	.....	107	2	230	74 95	584 95	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg	Henry M. Voorhees	198	1	13	3	1	2	*404	5	....	178	145	6	260	194 00	1,745 85	Guilderl'd Centre, N.Y
Niskayuna	Cornelius P. Ditmars	115	16	2	5	....	5	221	10	2	115	175	1	175	391 50	1,200 00	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill	Evart J. Blekkink	58	2	1	....	....	2	133	1	1	.....	.....	2	152	142 75	948 25	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity	B. A. Bartholf	85	10	3	7	....	5	140	....	6	.....	75	....	145	150 24	1,154 12	Vischer's Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown	J. Kelley Rhinehart	80	9	....	1	....	2	250	9	4	50	70	1	145	167 85	920 50	Gifford, N. Y.
Total		1297	131	49	39	2	41	2489	35	41	343	812	28	2593	$3,303 52	$20,903 90	

Other Ministers.—Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesberg, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.

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Boght	George I. Taylor	40	7	6	2	....	1	81	.	5	.....	.....	1	63	$27 00	$516 50	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks	James L. Southard	46	1	1	3	....	6	56	.	....	7	.....	1	93	132 00	508 89	Buskirks, N. Y.
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong	240	20	4	6	....	5	343		6	.....	.....	1	400	416 00	3,385 96	Cohoes, N. Y.
Easton	A. G. Cochran, S. S	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	25		....	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	Easton, N. Y.
Fort Miller	E. A. McCullum	46	4	1	1	1	2	75	.	1	.....	.....	1	21	41 00	462 03	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort	Vacant	25	1	1	....	....	2	30		....	.....	.....	2	80	10 00	115 00	Gansevoort, N. Y.
Northumberland *	Vacant	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	113	.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Rensselaer *	George I. Taylor	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	9	.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cohoes, N. Y.
Saratoga	E. A. McCullum	149	30	2	6	....	4	286	8	21	.....	105	1	225	273 53	1,986 66	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke	Theodore Shafer	58	8	....	....	....	1	69	6	5	.....	.....	1	103	38 75	1,284 83	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village	F. C. Scoville	60	2	11	4	....	5	†157	....	....	.....	.....	1	75	80 00	2,281 74	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy (North)	J. W. Beardslee, S. C.	150	14	4	4	....	3	209	4	7	.....	.....	1	224	446 30	3,264 75	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy (South)	Vacant	39	....	....	4	....	....	27	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill	Ira Van Allen	82	2	1	....	....	2	114	3	2	.....	.....	1	67	89 92	1,684 83	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total	.....	935	89	31	30	1	31	1594	34	47	7	105	12	1441	$1,604 50	$15,491 19	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. Chas. N. Waldron, Detroit, Mich.

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Blue Mountain	Abram G. Lansing	150	5	2	....	....	4	295	5	2	.....	40	4	290	$67 27	$994 76	Saugerties, N. Y.
Caatsban	Arad J. Sebring	100	6	3	1	....	4	159	2	....	.....	.....	1	101	935 71	1,487 17	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus	John H. Van Doren	90	81	6	....	....	2	181	3	36	.....	.....	2	205	130 90	944 50	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush	George I. Van Neste	100	7	8	....	....	2	217	1	2	.....	50	2	180	111 72	912 50	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston	John I. Van Slyke	360	9	10	3	....	15	512	7	3	.....	.....	....	250	1,042 00	10,000 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Port Ewen	Ben. C. Lippincott	100	71	1	3	....	5	236	3	28	.....	.....	1	140	166 80	1,408 20	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill	Solomon T. Cole	142	12	....	2	....	3	257	17	2	.....	.....	3	235	86 34	857 83	Cockburn, N. Y.
Roxbury	William Schmitz	71	5	3	1	....	2	81	1	4	11	74	1	89	34 92	1,135 76	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties	Denis Wortman	217	7	3	6	....	2	330	1	5	125	.....	....	200	750 00	2,900 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken	John T. Bergen	31	1	3	1	....	....	35	1	1	36	.....	1	55	.....	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan	John T. Bergen	85	9	4	2	....	4	143	3	9	90	.....	1	120	.....	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville	Robert F. Stanbrough	9	....	....	1	....	1	41	....	....	.....	.....	1	20	.....	92 20	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley	Robert F. Stanbrough	62	1	....	2	....	2	92	....	1	.....	.....	1	100	3 40	672.98	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock	Edward G. Ackerman	64	....	1	1	....	1	129	1	....	62	49	1	130	4 00	106 50	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck	William A. Shaw, S.S.	44	1	....	1	....	....	83	....	....	27	.....	1	175	159 57	592 46	Kingston, N. Y.
Total		1525	215	44	24	....	47	2781	45	93	351	213	20	2290	$3,492 63	$22,104 86	

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Cayuga	12	8	....	748	44	19	27	....	14	1040	18	16	.....	304	11	1569	2,546 33	11,292 85	C. O. Thatcher.
Geneva	17	15	1	991	60	69	62	6	25	1940	124	5	.....	158	12	1364	1,794 06	9,765 38	John Whitbeck.
Greene	7	7	5	708	83	13	22	....	31	1427	17	42	399	263	9	914	2,777 03	11,129 06	Benjamin Van Zandt.
Montgomery	22	17	....	1713	209	51	61	11	48	2629	55	108	317	497	29	2638	3,343 05	21,782 55	Henry M. Cox.
Rensselaer	13	15	....	1137	100	30	25	....	33	1994	42	48	286	406	15	1649	4,592 86	18,580 56	Edward A. Collier.
Saratoga	14	11	....	935	89	31	30	1	31	1594	34	47	7	105	12	1441	1,604 50	15,491 19	John W. Beardslee.
Schenectady	11	13	....	1297	131	49	39	2	41	2489	35	41	343	812	28	2593	3,303 52	20,903 90	C. P. Ditmars.
Schoharie	17	11	....	682	38	14	19	....	20	1076	8	20	78	246	15	1309	1,505 17	12,665 48	D. K. Van Doren.
Ulster	15	20	....	1525	215	44	24	....	47	2781	45	93	351	213	20	2290	3,492 63	22,104 86	J. N. Voorhis.
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ARTICLE IX.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. J. W. Beardslee made a statement in regard to the work of the Board of Domestic Missions, whereupon the following action was adopted:

The Synod having heard with satisfaction the statement concerning the Board of Domestic Missions, would express its perfect confidence in its purposes, and pledge itself to labor for its interests.

Resolved, That inasmuch as various sums of money have been loaned to our Mission churches and proper obligations in bond and mortgage have not been returned to the Church Building Fund, it is requested by the Particular Synod of Albany that so far as possible the Board obtain these lawful securities.

ARTICLE X.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the confirmation of the following delegates to General Synod nominated by the several Classes. They were confirmed.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Andrew Parsons,	Rev. A. M. Arcularius,
Rev. Jacob F. Neef,	Rev. William Bailey,
Rev. John H. Scarlet,	Rev. Lawrence Dykstra.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Charles Clute,	Isaac Beach,
William Mansert,	John V. D. H. Bradt,
Isaac Van Allen,	John Baker.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. C. O. Thatcher,	Rev. C. E. Lawrence,
Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D.	Rev. Peter Molling,
Rev. J. W. Vaughan,	Rev. Henry Frech.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Elders.	*Elders.*
nta,	Isaac Hornbeck,
DeGraff,	David Hoyt,
ıgg, M. D.,	Henry Ernst.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
[. DeBey,	Rev. William H. Nasholds,
liam G. Baas,	Rev. W. H. Ballagh,
Van Doren,	Rev. Peter DeBruyn.
Elders.	*Elders.*
nnewold,	J. Cliquennoi,
:olden,	M. M. Wychoff,
3urg,	John Van Doren.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
·tVan Slyke, D.D.	Rev. B. B. Staats,
j. Van Zandt, D.D.	Rev. John H. Salisbury,
liam B. Hill,	Rev. S. W. Roe, D. D.
Elders.	*Elders.*
H. Van Orden,	William L. King,
. Elting,	C. I. Collier,
ın Slyke,	Jeremiah L. Overbaugh.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
es Demarest, D.D.	Rev. Theo. A. Beekman,
iam W. Whitney,	Rev. Daniel Lord,
. Van Vranken,	Rev. Henry M. Cox,
). Lawsing,	Rev. Francis S. Haines.
Elders.	*Elders.*
nn,	Fayette Getman,
ın Voast,	P. S. Wiers,
Putman,	Clarence L. Avery,
oxon,	Frank Kirby.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Edw'd A. Collier, D.D.	Rev. Jacob I. Gulick,
Rev. Alan D. Campbell,	Rev. J. Henry Bertholf,
Rev. H. A. Hendrickson,	Rev. J. B. Drury, D. D.
Elders.	*Elders.*
William H. Rainey,	D. Philip,
J. Van De Carr,	Ezra Hoyt,
P. G. Ten Eyck,	L. C. Garner.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. A. McCullum,	Rev. F. C. Scoville,
Rev. George I. Taylor,	Rev. J. W. Beardslee, D. D.
Rev. Ira Van Allen,	Rev. James L. Southard.
Elders.	*Elders.*
James H. Harmon,	D. J. Johnson,
J. H. DeRidder,	Jesse A. Fonda,
A. T. Van Vranken, M. D.	G. T. H. Knapp.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. P. E. Kipp,	Rev. C. P. Ditmars,
Rev. J. C. Lowe,	Rev. J. K. Rhinehart,
Rev. R. Doig,	Rev. H. M. Voorhees.
Elders.	*Elders.*
L. Ellwood, M. D.,	W. H. Furbeck,
W. T. L. Sanders,	D. Ostrom,
C. H. Witbeck,	J. J. Marlette.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. Miller,	Rev. John G. Smart,
Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. Vedder,
Rev. John G. Fagg,	Rev. D. K. Van Doren.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Elders.	*Elders.*
S. K. Campbell,	H. R. Brown,
P. S. Danforth,	Elias Bassler,
J. Van Wagonen,	W. E. Bassler.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. William A. Shaw,	Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D.D.
Rev. J. N. Voorhis,	Rev. N. F. Chapman,
Rev. C. VanSantvoord, D.D.	Rev. B. C. Lippincott.
Elders.	*Elders,*
Henry H. Van Gaasbeck,	John P. Foland,
Henry E. Legg,	Addison Brainard,
Washington Myer,	John L. Hutchings.

ARTICLE XI.

PARTICULARIA.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows : from 9 to 12 A. M.; from 2:30 to 5 P. M.; from 7:30 P. M. until such time as the Synod may adjourn.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 425 copies of the minutes of this session printed and distribute them in the usual manner.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the following persons taking part : The President presided and read the form ; prayer was offered by Rev. Albert D. Minor ; the Rev. B. C. Lippincott administered the bread ; Rev. W. H. De Hart the wine. Assisting Elders, Martin Ham, Daniel P. Winne, H. R. Brown, John H. Freligh.

In view of the frequency with which the pulpits of our churches become vacant by resignation of the pastor, and alive to the perils which often attend such unhappy conditions, the Synod calls especial attention to the consistories within its bounds to Art. 2, Sec. 5,

Appendix to the Constitution, and herewith enjoins the observance of these requirements upon all the churches.

The Stated Clerks of Classes were instructed to write the first name of persons in full in their minutes and reports.

On the evening of the second day the Rev. John W. Beardslee, D. D., preached from Acts vi, 4: "And we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word."

ARTICLE XII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

The closing prayer was by the President.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the pastor and people of this congregation for their courteous and kind entertainment of this Synod and the manner in which they have provided for our home-like comfort; also to the choir of the church for their musical contribution to our services.

ARTICLE XIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church at Greenwich, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1888, at such hour as the Clerk may find most advisable.

H. M. VOORHEES, *President.*
ALBERT DOD MINOR, *Vice-President.*

WM. A. WURTS, }
C. P. DITMARS, } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy of the Minutes.

JOHN W. BEARDSLEE,
Stated Clerk.

SIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1887.

Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
" J. A. Lansing, D. D., Fonda.
" Chas. Scott, 1st Kingston.
" John L. McNair, 2d Albany.
" Philip Peltz, D. D., Saugerties.
" B. Van Zandt, D. D., 1st Schenectady.
" John A. DeBaun, D. D., W. Troy (North).
" S. J. Rodgers, Kinderhook.
" R. W. Clark, D. D., Canajoharie.
" J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., Cohoes.
" Isaac S. Hartley, 1st Kingston.
" Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
" J. B. Thompson, D. D., W. Troy (South).
" Alex. M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village.
" J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
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" John B. Drury, D. D., Saugerties.
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" Evert Van Slyke, D. D., Schoharie.
" Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.
" Andrew J. Hageman, Fort Plain.
" James Demarest, Jr., D. D., Herkimer.
" Henry M. Voorhees, Schoharie.

PREACHERS BY APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD.

1871. Rev. J. Elmendorf, "The undeveloped lay element in our churches and how to make it available."

1872. " E. A. Collier, "The relation of baptized children to the Church."

1873. " John Minor, "Elements of successful preaching."

1874. " T. W. Jones, "Systematic Benevolence."

1875. " J. B. Drury, "The relation of the pulpit to modern unbelief."

1876. " J. A. DeBaun, "The expectations of the church of God."

1877. " Charles N. Waldron, "Systematic Benevolence."

1878. " C. Van Santvoord, "Hindrances to pulpit efficiency."

1879. " H. P. McAdam, "The church's evidence of faith."

1880. " W. C. Handy, "The resurrection of Christ the plain and overwhelming evidence of the truth of the Gospel."

1881. " I. S. Hartley, "Distinctive denominational peculiarities a tower of strength."

1882. " Sanford H. Cobb, "The evil, cause and cure of short pastorates."

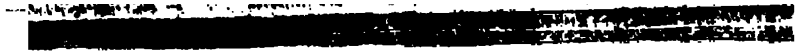
1883. " William E. Griffis, "The elements of an energetic and effective pastorate."

1884. " Alan D. Campbell, "The Revised Version of the New Testament."

Rev. Wm. A. Shaw, "The old and the true in the new theology."

" Denis Wortman, "Agape, the Divine Love."

" John W. Beardslee, "Some facts needing special emphasis in our preaching."



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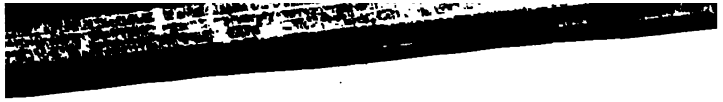

MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Reformed Church, at Greenwich, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1888, at 3 o'clock P. M., and continued in session until 10 o'clock, Wednesday evening.

The Synod was called to order by the President, who preached the opening sermon from 2 Cor. 1 : 21, 22:

"Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath annointed us, is God;

"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

ARTICLE II.

CALLING THE ROLL.

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
Rev. William H. Tracy,	Isaac Van Allen.
" John H. Scarlet.	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Charles P. Evans,	D. H. Hoyt.
" Henry Unglaub.	

From the Classis of Rochester, late Geneva.

Rev. Peter De Bruyn

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. B. VanZandt, D. D.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

MINISTERS.	ELDER.
Rev. John A. Thomson,	H. L. Sizer.
" Francis V. Van Vranken.	

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D.	A. H. Parks.

From the Classis at Saratoga.

Rev. Ira Van Allen,	J. H. De Ridder,
Rev. A. G. Cochran,	G. L. Schuyler.
Rev. E. A. Mc Cullum,	
Rev. Theo. Shafer.	

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. J. C. Lowe,	D. F. Wormer,*
Rev. N. F. Nickerson,	W. T. L. Sanders.
Rev. Robert Doig.	

From the Classis of Schoharie.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Philip Phelps Jr. D. D.,	S. K. Campbell,*
" P. A. Tressells,	Wm. Hayes,
" John G. Smart,	W. E. Bassler,*
" D. K. Van Doren.	D. O. Berger.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. Rufus M. Stanbrough,
" C. Van Santvoord, D. D.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. John G. Smart was elected President; the Rev. Francis V. Van Vranken, Vice-President; the Rev. N. F. Nickerson and Rev. Peter de Bruyn, Temporary Clerks.

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* Excused after Wednesday afternoon.

ARTICLE IV.

READING RULES OF ORDER, MINUTES AND VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. Ph. Phelps, Jr., D. D., William Hayes,
" John H. Scarlett, D. O. Berger.
" Peter A Wessels.

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. Robert Doig, S. R. Campbell,
" Benjamin Van Zant, D. D., W. E. Bassler.
" Francis V. Van Vranken.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. Henry M. Voorhees, D. F. Wormer,
" Charles P. Evans, J. H. De Ridder.
" Rufus M. Stanbrough.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. Edward A. Collier, D. D. W. T. L. Sanders,
" D. K. VanDoren, A. H. Parks.
" Peter De Bruyn.

On the Treasury.

Rev. A. G. Cochran, H. C. Sizer,
" John A. Thompson, A. H. Parks.
" William H. Tracy.

On Nominations.

Rev. Theodore Shafer, Gerrit L. Schuyler,
" William H. Tracy, W. E. Bassler.
" John C. Lowe.

On Necrology.

Rev. John A. De Baun D. D.

On Religious Services.

Rev. Henry Unglaub, Isaac Van Allen,
" Norman F. Nickerson. J. H. De Ridder.

On Missions.

Rev. E. A. McCullum, William Hayes,
" Theodore Shafer, D. O. Berger.
" John H. Scarlet.

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. Robert Doig, D. F. Wormer,
" Henry Unglaub, W. E. Bassler.
" Norman F. Nickerson.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The treasurer's accounts and vouchers were read and referred to the Committee on the Treasury.

A communicatian from the Board of Foreign Missions announcing the appointment of Rev. Lewis Francis to represent it before Synod, was read, and he was given a hearing at the opening of the first evening session.

A memorial from the Classis of Geneva, in regard to an action of the Particular Synod of 1887, was read and referred to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

A memorial from the Classis of Geneva in regard to a change in the name of that Classis was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A memorial from the Church at Schoharie in regard to absent members was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick were received.

The following delegates were chosen to the Particular Synods:

New York, Rev. Robert Doig.
Chicago, Rev. John W. Beardslee, D. D.
New Brunswick, Rev. Francis V. VanVranken.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The following reports were accepted and adopted:

Necrology.

The Committee on Necrology would respectfully report:

During the year five of the ministers of this Particular Synod have rested from their labors.

The Rev. William Bailey, of the Classis of Albany, died on Sabbath, July 3rd. Mr. Bailey graduated at Rutgers College in 1842, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1845. He was pastor at Helderberg, from 1845 to 1847; at Schodack from 1847 to 1856; at Constantine, Mich., from 1856 to 1863; at Albany 3rd. from 1863 to 1868, and at White House, N. J., from 1868 until some four years ago, when physical infirmities prevented him from longer carrying the responsibilities of a pastoral charge. He continued to preach, however, as he had opportunity, and as strength permitted. Only a few weeks before his death, though very feeble, he ministered acceptably to a people who sought his services.

Some of Mr. Bailey's traits were very strongly marked. Purity of life and speech, industry, high conscienciousness, fidelity to his Master, were in him, unmistakable. They were manifest, as a surviving class-mate testifies, in all his student life, they impressed the people of every congregation he served and his brethren in the ministry with whom he was associated. As a preacher he was made the instrument of saving many souls through the earnestness and plainness of speech and warm affection with which he brought the message of the Gospel to dying men. For forty-two years he served with marked fidelity the Church in which he was born and reared and educated. His memory will be kept in affectionate rememberance by all his brethren who were associated with

him in gospel labors and knew his worth, while the multitudes whom he helped on toward heaven will rise up and call him blessed. Amiable, affectionate and faithful in his life, his brethren gladly testify that "he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

The Rev. Abram G. Lansing, pastor of the Church of Blue Mountain, in the Classis of Ulster, died on the 8th of September, after a somewhat protracted illness.

Mr. Lansing, when a student in Union College, was obliged to give up his contemplated course of education by reason of ill health; but his heart was set upon the Lord's service, and he offered himself as a missionary teacher to the American Board, who sent him to the Choctaw Nation, in the Indian Territory. While there, his warm heart, his free command of language, his ready wit and his effective delivery so commended him to the Presbytery that he was licensed to preach and assigned to that work in the Mission. After some four years, a bronchial affection compelled him to return east, where, after a little rest, he was providentially called to supply the Church at New Salem for one Sabbath. The Church was so impressed with his gifts and graces as to insist upon his settlement as pastor; and he was ordained there in 1858. After a four years' pastorate, he was called to Schuylerville, where he remained six years, and then went west to mission churches in Iowa and Illinois. In 1878 his first charge at New Salem called him back again, and he remained with them this second time for seven years, and then removed to Blue Mountain, in which pastorate he finished his labors.

Mr. Lansing did very effective work, being specially devoted to and successful in Sabbath schools and with the young; but in every department he proved himself a workman who needed not to be ashamed. His ministry was crowned with many revivals, and in all his charges there are many souls to rise up and call him blessed.

The Rev. Woodbridge L. James, of the Classis of Ulster, died suddenly at his residence in Kingston, October 20th, in the 76th year of his age. Mr. James was born in Pittsfield, Mass., graduated from Middleburgh College, Vermont, and from the Theological Seminary of Bangor, Maine. After preaching for two years at Tuever, Me., he removed to this State and entered the ministry of our church. From 1850 to 1852 he had charge of the

Church of Day; from 1852 to 1855 of the Church of Columbia; and from 1856 to 1862 he was pastor of the Church of Woodstock. Since then he has resided in Kingston, with the exception of two years spent in domestic missionary labors in Missouri. During his retirement he was always glad to render such occasional services as opportunity afforded, and his health—which for several years was quite feeble—permitted. He was a man of amiable disposition, gentle manners and warm affections. His piety was simple, his views of truth strictly evangelical, and his love for the Master's cause fervent and abiding. The members of the Classis of Ulster, to which he belonged for many years, respected him highly for his probity and worth, and buried him reverently with the confidence that to him was opened the higher fellowship of the heavenly country.

The Rev. Jacob F. Neef, pastor of the 4th church of Albany, died suddenly on Monday morning, Feb. 6th. He had preached as usual the day before, and was making an early visit at the house of a sick parishioner. As he rose to leave he put his hand over the region of his heart, sank forward against the bed and became unconscious; in ten minutes he was dead.

Mr. Neef was born in Germany, in 1827; he came to this country in 1853. He graduated from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1858, and was ordained in the Houston St. Church New York City. He was pastor at Plainfield and Warren from 1858 to 1864; and at Albany 4th from 1865. In this last charge, especially, his labors were greatly blessed. He found the Church small in numbers and discouraged in spirit. He leaves it strong, vigorous and hopeful, though sadly cast down by what it cannot but feel to be irreparable loss. Having studied medicine he was a physician of the body as well as the soul, and ministered to his people in this double capacity. He was a devoted servant of the Lord, a faithful worker, a good preacher, and a kind and sympathizing pastor. In the twenty-three years of his pastorate in Albany, the prospect was never brighter for his Church or for him than when the Master so suddenly said "Come up higher."

The Rev. Charles N. Waldron, D. D. died very suddenly at Detroit, on Friday evening, March 2nd. For several months he had been kindly filling the vacant pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church in that city, in which he had

taken up his residence, preaching twice on Sabbath and taking charge of the weekly meetings, besides looking after the sick of the congregation whenever such service was needed. On that Friday evening he had just entered the church to take charge of the weekly prayer meeting, and in passing through the lecture-room toward the desk, was suddenly seized with an apparent fainting, and in less than five minutes breathed his last amid the tearful throng who by this time were gathered around him. Most emphatically he died with the harness on. Dr. Waldron was born in Albany; graduated from Union College in 1846, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1849. In that year he was ordained by the Classis of Watervleit as pastor of the Church of Cohoes, where he remained for thirty years—his first and only pastorate. He found the Church of Cohoes feeble in members and resources, he left it strong, influential, and among the foremost of the Churches of the city. Its families increased in the thirty years of his pastorate, from fifty-five to a hundred and eighty, and its membership from seventy-two to three hundred and seventy-three. The modest little structure where the first worshippers met was in due time supplanted by the stately and spacious edifice now occupied by the congregation, while various departments of church work and enterprise were fitly organized and put in efficient operation. Dr. Waldron resigned his pastorate at the end of the thirty years because he felt that he needed and must have a long rest for body and mind. But his idea of rest was by still working, and while retaining his connection with the Classis, he almost immediately took charge of a Presbyterian Church in Hillsdale, Mich. After a few years he removed to Detroit, and as we have seen, died while still working for Christ and his church and for souls.

Dr. Waldron, while a scholar, a close student, and an indefatigable worker, was a most genial and companionable man. He had a keen sense of humor, a ready wit, a wealth of anecdote, a beaming face and most buoyant spirits. His warm heart bound his friends to him with a peculiar affection, and won the entire confidence of his parishioners not only, but of his fellow-citizens of every class.

As preacher, pastor, husband and father, as true friend and good citizen, he served his generation faithfully by the will of God, and having done this he fell asleep.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. De Baun.

Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to report:

Your Committee have had placed in their hands a memorial from the Classis of Geneva, requesting that the Classis may henceforth be known as the Classis of Rochester.

Recognizing the cogency of the reasons assigned as already read to the Synod, your Committee recommend that the request be granted, and that the name of the Classis of Geneva be and hereby is changed, and that it shall henceforth be known as the Classis of Rochester, and that the stated Clerk of the Classis and the stated Clerk of the Synod be authorized to make this change in their records. We also recommend that for the present year, the words (late Geneva) be included in the title of the Classis in the printed minutes of this Synod.

Your Committee have also had referred to them the following Overture from the Consistory of the Schoharie Church; whether it is competent for a Consistory to oblige non-resident communicants to take a letter of dismissal to some Church near their residence. The requirement of the Constitution, Art. VI. Sec. 9, and the Laws of the General Synod, Digest, Chap. 9, Sec. 5, Res. 2, lead us to the following conclusion:

In our judgment, Consistories should call the attention of such communicants to the above requirement as being of imperative obligation, disobedience to which is an obvious neglect of duty; at the same time we doubt if Consistories can summarily dismiss such members without their consent, but milder measures proving unavailing should rather proceed against them for violation of their duty to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COLLIER, *Chairman.*

On Synodical Minutes.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes of the particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick in which we find nothing requiring action on the part of this Synod.

In the minutes of the General Synod we notice that the custom is still retained of recording the reports of Theological Seminaries among the miscellaneous communications addressed to Synod. There seems to be an

incongruity in this in view of the fact that there is a distinct Lemma for the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

The report of the Council of Hope College is also a communication, yet it is very properly recorded under its own Lemma of Education. We therefore recommend the following: Resolved that the General Synod be requested to give the needful direction for recording hereafter the reports of the Boards of Superintendents of Theological Seminaries under their appropriate Lemma of Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

Respectfully submitted,
PH. PHELPS JR.

Treasury.

Having examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, we find them neatly and accurately kept, and attest their correctness. The financial statement is as follows:

1887	Dr.		
May 3,	"	Cash on hand	$116 85
" 6,	"	" " " From Classis of Saratoga	14 00
" 10,	"	" " " " " " Schenectady	14 00
" 13,	"	" " " " " " Albany	24 00
" 27,	"	" " " " " " Geneva	9 00
Sep. 22,	"	" " " " " " Montgomery	20 00
" 23,	"	" " " " " " Schoharie	8 00
" 24,	"	" " " " " " Greene	12 00
Oct. 7,	"	" " " " " " Ulster	18.00
" 8,	"	" " " " " " Rensselaer	18 00
" 24,	"	" " " " " " Cayuga	9 00
			$262 86
1887	Cr.		
May 5,	"	By Cash paid Sexton at Schoharie	$ 5 00
" 5,	"	" " " Rev. Isaacs Hartley, D. D.	6 00
" 6,	"	" " " Stated Clerk, Salary	50 00
" 6,	"	" " " " " " Allowance	6 00
" 27,	"	" " " Jas. Demorest, D. D., for preaching	3 80
" 19,	"	" " " Munsell, for printing	90 00
			$160 80
1888			
May 1,		Balance carried to new account	102 06
			$262 86

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. COCHRAN,
Chairman.

On Religious Services.

The Commitee on Religious Services reported as follows for the evening services of the sessions in 1889:

On the evening of the first day Synod shall consider the topic, "Obstacles to Evangelization in Christian Lands;" the Rev. Wesley R. Davis, D. D., to make a thirty minute address, with Rev. J Wilbur Chapman as secundus. This to be followed by a ten minute address by Rev. A. J. Sebring, with Rev. Henry M. Cox as his secundus.

On the evening of the second day, the Synod shall discuss the question, "Ought the pulpit explanation of the Heidelburg Catechism to fall into dissuetude?" to be opened with a thirty minute address by the Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., with Rev. Laurance Dykstra as secundus; to be followed by a ten minute address by the Rev. C. P. Ditmars, with Rev. W. B. Hill as secundus.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY UNGLAUB,

Charman.

On Classical Minutes.

The Committee on Classical Minutes would report that they have received and examined the Records of all the Classes comprising the Particular Synod of Albany. Some irregularities have been discovered to which we call the special attention of Synod:

A seeming irregularity in the Classis of Cayuga, where a Candidate was examined and a Committee appointed to ordain him. Another in the Classis of Ulster, where a student has been recommended for aid to the Board of Education without having presented himself before Classis for examination; in the Classis of Albany is a neglect to obtain the signature to the formula.

Resolved, That all the books of Classis be approved except the matters herein specified.

The Synod being in doubt as to the regularity of the action of the Classis of Cayuga in ordaining by Committee:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of Albany respectfully memorialize General Synod whether it is Constitutional for Classis to ordain by Committee.

Resolved, That this Synod approve the records of the Classis of Albany with instruction to the Classis to complete their roll by securing the signature of Rev. Wm. H. Tracy to the formula.

A memorial from the Classis of Rochester (late Geneva) concerning the action of the last Particular Synod in some strictures upon its Minutes, was put into the hands of your Committee, and after due consideration they would report as follows:

WHEREAS the Particular Synod of Albany of 1887, in its Classical Report, allowed to be put on its Minutes a report severe in criticism concerning some defect in the Minutes of the Classis of Rochester (late Geneva), on account of which said Minutes were not approved, and were so endorsed by the President: and whereas the Classical Book of Rochester (late Geneva) has been corrected and approved by this Committee, therefore,

Resolved, That the above named endorsement, in said Minutes, be expunged.

B. VAN ZANDT,
Chairman of Com.

Synodical Report.

Your Committee on the State of the Churches, which are found to be 144, comprising the ten Classes in the Particular Synod of Albany, would respectfully report that after careful examination of the statements coming from the various State Clerks, the following facts are collected:

The Classis of Albany report a year of marked improvement in the majority of their Churches, shown by an increase of Benevolent expression, as well as enlargement of their membership. Six Churches have revised their roll, making the reported membership ninty four less than last year. Notwithstanding this apparent diminution in numbers, the actual increase in membership during the Synodical year is forty three. Their increase in the column of Contributions for Religious and Benevolent Purposes is $4,756 46, although the statement they make should be connected with last year's report, which notes a decrease of $7,000 in the same column. The advance this most wealthy Classis of the Synod has made this year, renders it hopeful that by an equal state of progress for another twelvemonth, they will reach their estimate of two years since. There have been clear manifestations of

the Master's blessing upon the work of servants, and the old First Church of Albany has been signally blessed and strengthened in the addition of one hundred and twenty souls to her membership.

The Classis of Cayuga is composed of twelve Churches, and at this time has only three Pastors—hence the expectation of increase in the varied departments of their Church work could not be sanguine. Individual Churches report a diminution of their debts and the Church of Syracuse has for this purpose raised $9,600 00. The amounts employed in Congregational purposes exceed the former year by over $7,000, and their Benevolence is lessened in the report of money for Religious and Benevolent Purposes by about $500. The decrease in the number of communicants is 158. There is very little probability of any advance in the material or Spiritual interests of this Classis except it may be able to fill its vacant Pulpits with consecrated Pastors.

The report from the Classis of Geneva is cheering and calculated to inspire the Churches with an increased confidence in a Benevolent and promise-fulfilling God. While it must be stated that one Church is stricken from the roll of Classis, there has on the other hand been a revival of interest in the remaining Churches to an unwonted degree. The membership has increased within their bounds to 2,025, an advance of eighty-five from their last report. The contributions for Benevolent purposes show marked progress.

We learn from the report of the Classis of Greene that with a slight addition to its roll of members, its Churches have been busily engaged in developing the fruits of a gracious revival in the former year. Commendable results are found in their effort to secure contributions for Missions, which are an addition of one-third the amount of their former report.

The Classis of Montgomery express their sense of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing upon their Church. One Church building has been erected at Fort Plain, several parsonages repaired and an improvement in the method of Systematic Beneficence. There can be no doubt that their plans to secure gifts for the Master are Scriptural, and according to the enlargement of temporal prosperity will result in development of Christian character, and hence increased amounts for the Master's work. They have

a decrease in gifts for Religious and Benevolent purposes to the amount of $151.71, while in the column for Congregational purposes they are found to have advanced $8.117.64

The Classis of Rensselaer have not exceeded the usual degree of prosperity that they have reported for many years. They report a beautiful new House of Worship at Castleton, and the eradication of several Church debts with the consequent expectation of more abundant increase to the membership of their Churches in time to come. They lament that they have not met the apportionment assigned them for Missions, yet state that some of their Churches have exceeded their respective amounts. Their summary shows a deficiency in the year of $664 for Benevolent purposes and an increase of $7,000 in their gifts for Congregational purposes. They report a reduced membership of 61. We fail to understand this reduction since there has been no revision of the roll in their Churches, and an estimate of members received, after proper deduction by death and dismissals, would show an increase of 32 souls. Neither can we understand why it is that one of their Churches that last year reported 182 members, should this year mention only 94.

The Classis of Saratoga have increased their membership and rejoice in the fact that 98 precious souls are their net gain. With an extension of about $120 to the amount of their Benevolent column, they are below the amount of last year's gift for Congregational purposes by $667.67.

The Classis of Schenectady has revised the roll of its Church members in three of its largest Churches, and hence has a decrease in total membership of 91 souls. Their net gain is 18 added to the Church within the year. They report an increase in the Benevolent column of $1,905 73. One of their Churches which was destroyed by fire is soon to be rebuilt, while a new church building nearly completed at Altamont, on the D. & H. R. R., will soon be organized and added to our roll of Churches.

The Classis of Schoharie may properly rejoice in the addition to the roll of their families of 64. Yet they deserve our sympathy and tender prayer in view of the fact that only eight out of their 17 Churches enjoyed the ministrations of the faithful Pastor. Perhaps this may justly occasion the lessened amount they report as

having secured for the Benevolent operations of our Church. Their increase in membership is 101, which is due to the fact that one of their Churches that gave no report a year ago, has this year filled the blank and added 106 members.

The Classis of Ulster report the supply of all its Churches by faithful, tender Shepherds, with a single exception. Within the year he was removed from service below to praise above. They speak of abundant reason for praise to Almighty God for rewards given to the labors of his servants. There is increase, and consequent action among the members of the Churches. They do not report as large an addition to the membership of their churches, neither do they quite sustain the average of their former gifts, yet they mention a condition of harmony which makes us hopeful as to the results work within their bounds.

We might proceed with greater confidence to draw conclusions from these Reports if the statistics given us were complete and accurate. But this will not be until every Church shall give a complete report each year, a duty which we would urgently press. But giving a large margin for miscalculation and neglect, one thing is apparent. A Denomination of Christians, extending from Kingston on the Hudson, beyond Rochester in the western part of this State, embracing thousands of miles of territory in adjoining counties, and occupying some of the largest cities in the State, has a field for occupation under the Master that should stimulate us to keep pace with other Denominations who at our side are doing noble work for the salvation of souls.

Might we not reasonably anticipate that the 20,000 children of the redeemed, that are found in our Synod, should so fervently plead with the Saviour for an increase of the numbers to our Sacramental Host, that our church edifices would become too small to contain them, and the glory of the King in Zion be enhanced by an increase of congregrations that swell his praises.

Let us, dear brethren, with an earnest purpose, consecrated to the Master's blessed employ, not become faint in heart, nor weary in well doing, but continue to sow the seed of the Divine Word and expect with the oncoming years more manifest growth in the faithfufness of those who are his standard bearers and large increase

in the numbers of those whom our Lord King will accept as his redeemed ones.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. VOORHEES,

Chairman of Com.

The following are the ministerial changes:

In the *Classis of Albany*, William H. Tracy has been received from the Presbytery of Chemung, Oct. 5, 1887.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. W. H. De Hart and the 1st Church of Bethlehem, April 18, 1888.

Rev. D. F. Williams has been dismissed to the Classis of Greene, Aug. 1, 1887; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie to South Classis of Long Island, Sept. 20, 1887; Rev. W. H. De Hart to the Classis of Raritan, April 18, 1888.

Rev. William Bailey died July 3d, 1887; Rev. Jacob Neef died Feb. 5, 1888.

In the *Classis of Cayuga*, Rev. Charles P. Evans has been received from the Presbytery of Troy, on April 10, 1888.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. Henry Frech and the Church of Point Rock; between Rev. Henry Frech and the Church of West Leyden, on April 10, 1888.

Rev. C. O. Thatcher has been dismissed to Presbytery of Utica, on Sept. 20, 1887; Rev. Peter A. Molling to Episcopal Church, Sept. 27, 1888; Rev. Henry Frech to German Evangelical Church April 11, 1888.

In the *Classis of Greene*, Rev. D F. Williams has been received from the Classis of Albany, Sept. 20, 1887.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. John H. Salisbury and the 2nd Church of Coxsackie.

Rev. John H. Salisbury has been dismissed to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Dec. 20, 1887.

In the *Classis of Montgomery*, Rev. Maurice G. Hansen has been received from the Classis of Long Island, May 9, 1887; Licentiate John A. Thomson from the Classis of New Brunswick, July 4, 1887; Rev. James M. Compton from the Classis of Kingston, April 17, 1888;

Rev. Henry H. Sangree from the Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States, April 17, 1888.

Rev. M. G. Hansen has been installed over the Church of Hagaman's Mills, June 14, 1887; Rev. John A. Thomson has been ordained and installed over the Churches of Sprakers, and Stone Arabia, Aug. 2, 1887.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. Garret Wyckoff and the Churches of Currytown and Mapletown, Sept, 2, 1887; between Rev. Theo. A. Beekman, and the Church of Columbia, Nov. 7, 1887; between Rev. Daniel Lord and the Church of Henderson, Sept. 19, 1887; between Rev. John H. Brandow and the Church of Mohawk, April 17, 1888; between Rev. Albert D. Minor and the Church of St. Johnsville, April 17, 1888.

Rev. Garret Wyckoff has been dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick, Sept. 2, 1887; Rev. Theo. Beekman to the Classis of Passaic, Jan. 23, 1888.

In the *Classis of Rensselaer*, Rev. W. H. Nasholds has been received from the Classis of Geneva, Nov. 29, 1887; Rev. D. B. Wyckoff has been received from the Classis of Kingston, Dec. 29, 1887; Rev. E. Birdsall has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia, Feb. 21, 1888. Rev. W. H. Nasholds has been installed over the Church of Schodack Landing, Nov. 29, 1887; Rev. D. B. Wyckoff has been installed over the first Chnrch of Ghent, Dec. 29, 1887; Rev. E. Birdsall has been installed over the Church of Schodack, Feb. 21, 1888.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. John B. Drury, D. D. and the 1st. Church of Ghent, Nov. 1st., 1887; between H. A. Hendrickson and the Church of Schodack Landing, Oct. 4, 1887; between Norman Plass and the Church of Schodack, Nov. 1, 1887; between Jacob I. Gulick and the Church of Bloominggrove, April 1, 1887.

Rev. H. A. Henkrickson has been dismissed to the Classis of Orange; Rev. Norman Plass to the Congregational Association, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. J. S. N. Demarest to the North Classis of Long Island.

In the *Classs of Rochester* (late *Geneva*), Rev. Evert Vander Hart was received from the Presbytery of Lans-

ing; Rev. John Hoffman from the Presbytery of Chippewa; Simon Hoogenboom a Candidate of Classis, examined and ordained June 15, 1887; Gerrit H. Hospers received as a Candidate from the Classis of Holland, examined and ordained Dec. 14, 1887.

Rev. Evert Vander Hart was installed over the 2nd. Church of Roches'er, June 2, 1887; Rev. Simon Hoogenboom over the Church of Marion, June 15, 1887; Rev. John Boehrer over the Evangalical Reformed Christian Church of Buffalo, Oct. 30, 1887; Rev. John Hoffman over the Abbe Church of Clymer, Nov. 1st. 1887; Gerrit H. Hospers over the Church of East Williamson, Dec. 14, 1887.

The Pastoral relations have been dissolved between Rev. William H. Nasholds and the Church of Farmer Village, Oct. 5, 1887; between Rev. Wm. H. Ballagh and the Church of Lodi, April 18, 1887; between Rev. F. W. Rnhle and the Church of Tyre, Nov. 1st. 1887.

Rev. Wm. H. Nasholds has been dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer, Nov. 1887: Rev. F. W. Ruhle to the Presbytery of Albany, Nov. 1st. 1887.

In the *Classis of Saratoga*, the Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. J. W, Beardslee, D. D. and the Church of West Troy (North) March 20, 1888.

Rev. Charles N. Waldron, D. D., died March 2, 1888, at Detroit, Mich.

In the *Classis of Schenectady*, Rev. Herbert C. Hinds has been received from the Presbytery of Albany, Oct. 12, 1887; Rev. Wm. P. Davis from the Classis of Schoharie, Sept. 20, 1887.

Rev. Herbert C. Hinds has been installed over the Secoud Church of Schenectady.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. Peter E. Kipp and the Second Church of Schenectady, June 8, 1887; between Rev. B. A. Bartholf and the Church of Amity, Oct. 1, 1887.

Rev. Peter E. Kipp has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Cleveland, Ohio, June 8, 1887; Rev. B. A. Bartholf to the Classis of Hudson, Nov. 1887.

In the *Classis of Schoharie*, Rev. C. M. Perlee has been received from the Classis of Albany; Rev. Peter A.

Wessels from the Classis of Westchester; Rev. W. D. Buckelew from the Presbytery of Central Dakota.

The Pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. John G. Fagg and the Churches of Lawyersville and Cobleskill, N. Y.

Rev. Wm. P. Davis has been dismissed to the Classis of Schenectady; Rev. C. M. Perlee to the Classis of Passaic.

In the *Classis of Ulster*, Rev. A. A. Zabriskie has been dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen, Nov., 1887; Rev. W. H. VanDoren to the Classis of Illinois, Dec., 1887.

Rev. Abram G. Lansing died Sept. 8, 1887.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Cate-chumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total En-rollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congrega-tional pur-poses.	
First Reformed	J. Wilbur Chapman.	350	120	45	6	....	12	*650	....	....	.....	.....	1	386	$7246 00	$12710 60	Albany.
Second Reformed	Wesley R. Davis....	274	28	14	12	..	6	478	1	13	.....	.....	2	519	9233 77	13255 49	Albany.
Third Reformed	William H. Tracy...	123	4	2	2	....	2	166	6	2	....	166	1	200	161 00	6700 50	Albany.
Fourth Reformed	H. Miller (P. E.).	66	....	....	....	....	....	140	....	....	....	50	1	145	60 00	1000 00	Albany.
Holland Reformed	Lawrence Dykstra.	80	10	6	3	....	1	*140	18	...	....	70	1	160	307 94	3765 21	Albany.
First Bethlehem	Wm. H. DeHart	155	5	....	....	....	....	200	.. .	....	....	.....	4	225	250 00	1250 00	Bethlehem Centre.
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse (S. C.).	100	1	2	2	1	3	214	5	....	.....	.....	1	145	245 00	1200 00	Delmar.
Second Berne	Andrew Parsons.....	46	....	...	....	..	..	130	....	....	.. ..	20	1	80	25 00	500 00	Knox.
Knox	Andrew Parsons.....	20	..	...	....	....	..	42	...	...	....	10	1	85	20 00	400 00	Knox.
Clarksville	Vacant	50	....	....	....	..	....	100	....	....	.....	40	1	150	.. .. ..	300 00	Clarksville.
Coeymans	Horace P. Craig.....	100	..	....	....	....	....	194	....	..	.....	125	1	125	250 00	1400 00	Coeymans.
Jerusalem	John H. Scarlet....	83	36	3	2	....	2	162	5	18	.....	50	1	120	250 00	1372 75	Jerusalem.
New Salem	G. E Macardle (S. S.)	111	7	1	5	1	2	186	....	3	59	134	1	134	.....	884 59	New Salem.
New Baltimore	A. M. Arcularius....	102	2	6	7	....	2	173	4	1	.. ..	.....	1	130	277 13	2376 50	New Baltimore.
Onesquethaw	Vacant	45	....	....	....	....	....	69	....	....	.....	40	1	50	....	400 00	Clarksville.
Union	J. H Scarlet, (S. S.) †	48	....	..	....	..	....	34	...	....	.....	45	1	100	.....	200 00	Jerusalem.
Westerlo	Vacant.†	48	...	....	....	....	....	76	...	....	.....	.....	1	52	.. ..	....	Westerlo
	Total	1801	213	79	39	2	30	3154	39	37	59	750	21	2806	$18334 84	$47715 73	

Other Ministers. Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y. Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N Y. Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Enders, Albany, N. Y.

* Revised List. † Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Canistota																	
Cicero	B. E. Fake, S. S. *	30	3	....	....	....	....	28	....	2	28	....	1	60	$9 25	$756 45	Cicero, N. Y.
Chittenango	Vacant	†82	....	....	....	....	....	132	....	....	....		1	127			Chittenango, N. Y.
Naumberg	Henry Unglaub	15	....	....	....	....	....	55	....	....	55	12	1	70	7 66	235 00	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen	Henry Unglaub	8	....	....	....	....	1	29	....	....	29	....	....	....	2 56	100 00	Naumberg, N. Y.
Owasco	J. W Vaughan, S.C.	100	1	2	2	....	1	115	....	1	121	....	2	257	69 01	3140 57	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet	Vacant	15	....	....	....	....	1	30	1	....	....	....	1	50	86 25	360 00	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock	Vacant	†14	....	....	....	....	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	West Leyden, N. Y.
Syracuse	W.P.Coddington,SS*	157	4	5	1	....	2	255	6	1	....	....	1	256	583 83	3943 87	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles	C. Parks Evans, S. S.	100	11	4	....	....	1	113	2	3	113	165	1	165	100 00	1250 80	Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
Utica	Isaac S. Hartley	124	6	6	....	....	9	166	4	2	....	....	2	305	1113 86	7161 10	Utica, N. Y.
West Leyden	Vacant	†25	....	....	....	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
	Total	670	25	17	3	....	15	989	13	9	346	177	10	1290	1972 42	16947 79	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Guido F. Verbeck, D. D., Tokio, Japan.
Candidates.—Henry DeLoss Leland.

* Not members of Classis.
† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER, (LATE GENEVA.)

CHURCHES.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Cate-chumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total En-rollment.	Religious & benevolent purposes.	Congrega-tional purposes.	
Abbe Church	John Hoffman	69	5	2	4	....	3	140	11	....	....	....	1	120	$83 75	$799 01	Clymer Chautauqua
Arcadia	William G. Baas	36	4	....	....	....	....	73	6	....	....	....	1	50	14 01	240 00	Newark, Wayne Co.
Clymer	Marinus Van Deorn	70	1	...	1	....	6	175	6	...	....	28	1	87	114 25	700 00	Clymer Chautauqua
East Williamson	Gerrit H. Hospers	118	8	3	4	....	1	248	6	....	....	44	1	98	399 26	650 00	E. Williamson Wayne
Evan. Prot. Ch'st. C.	John Bochrer	38	51	..	....	....	1	50	10	....	76	15	1	63	3 19	1078 75	1175 Mich. A. Buffalo
Farmer Village	Vacant †	126	2	2	3	1	6	209	1	1	....	...	1	175	99 34	1610 44	Farmer Village, Sen
Geneva	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Lodi	William H. Ballagh	100	1	....	2	....	3	176	6	....	80	...	1	145	231 08	1389 92	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Marion	Simon Hoogenboom	130	18	17	6	....	...	206	14	....	....	60	1	190	66 90	1803 00	Marion, Wayne Co.
Dunkirk	Vacant †	6	....	....	9	....	1	16	...	....	...	....	1	8	15 00	40 00	Dunkirk
Putneyville	P Wayenberg*	60	....	6	....	....	1	107	2	....	....	10	1	50	104 90	279 24	Putneyville, Wayne
First Rochester	Peter De Bruyn	213	36	4	9	..	10	330	29	....	....	100	1	253	2238 84	2912 26	49 Concord, Roch'r.
Second Rochester	E. Vander Hart, S. C.	33	51	25	....	....	....	106	9	4	....	35	1	142	82 08	4522 02	48 Rowley St. "
Palmyra	William G. Baas	25	12	11	...	....	1	56	13	1	....	...	1	40	13 81	205 78	Newark, Wayne Co.
Tyre	Vacant †	40	3	1	2	....	...	73	1	....	....	....	1	100	129 11	432 55	Malcom, Seneca Co.
Ontario	Vacant	....	....	....	...	....	...	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
	Total	1064	192	71	40	1	33	2025	114	6	156	292	14	1521	$3595 52	$16722 97	

Other Ministers.—Rev John Whitbeck, Ithaca, Tompkins Co. N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. S. J. Renshers Emeritus, Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; Rev. Chester P. Murray, Union Springs, N. Y; Rev. A. B. Veenhuisen, Putneyville, N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Athens	Wm. Bancroft Hill	115	27	4	4	...	2	208	16	13	....	....	1	234	$355 00	$1843 12	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	E. N. Sebring	25	....	....	....	....	....	31	....	....	....	....	....	....	10 00	200 00	Leeds, N. Y.
Catskill	E. Van Slyke, D. D.	175	14	5	7	....	4	463	6	5	230	175	3	290	1740 25	7547 54	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie	Bergen B. Staats	107	3	3	3	....	2	192*	1	....	49	84	1	137	185 46	1238 74	West Coxsackie, N.Y.
Second Coxsacie	Vacant	143	1	3	9	....	4	268	8	....	70	....	1	179	730 68	2190 00	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom	D. F. Williams, S. S.	90	7	3	....	....	3	215	10	4	20	....	3	141	83 95	745 32	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds	E. N. Sebring	70	1	....	....	....	2	95	....	....	....	....	1	75	120 00	1065 00	Leeds, N. Y.
	Total	725	53	18	23	....	17	1472	41	22	369	259	10	1056	$3225 34	$14829 72	

Other Ministers.— B. Van Zandt, D. D. (S. C.) Catskill, N. Y.
Candidates.— Edward O. Chickering; Henry C. Cusler; M. D. Brandow; Henry R. Debois; Wm. H. Boocock.
*45 of these are non-resident members.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville	Vacant	42	....	1	....	....	2	47	....	....	....	....	1	102	$ 38 00	$238 96	Auriesville.....N. Y.
Canajoharie	Francis S. Haines	200	14	4	4	....	5	304	19	9	..	....	2	224	304 05	1877 98	Canajoharie..... "
Columbia	†J. M. Compton	66	4	2	3	....	....	76	....	4	5	22	2	178	18 87	519 00	S. Columbia, Her. Co.
Cranesville	Vacant	30	2	....	....	....	2	47	....	1	....	....	1	49	.....	256 80	Cranesville ..... "
Currytown	†Henry H. Sangree	*30	....	1	4	....	....	61	....	....	....	....	1	58	87 31	640 31	Currytown..... "
Ephratah	W. W. Whitney	64	19	..	1	....	2	129	3	13	....	20	1	116	13 00	896 87	Ephratah, Fulton Co.
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	72	3	2	1	....	2	118	1	1	....	....	2	120	100 00	1000 00	Minaville..... "
Fonda	John A. De Baun	214	9	5	7	2	2	426	8	4	....	....	4	400	800 00	4388 16	Fonda .... "
Fort Herkimer	Vacant	13	8	....	....	...	2	15	....	....	....	....	1	33	2 50	32 00	Herkimer .... "
Fort Plain	James Demarest	145	3	5	8	....	6	222	2	2	....	75	1	121	244 51	1 524 20	Fort Plain .... "
Fultonville	F. V. Van Vranken	120	3	4	2	....	....	136	....	2	....	100	1	130	389 31	1693 50	Fultonville..... "
Glen	Sidney O. Lawsing	76	1	....	2	....	2	111	6	1	....	70	2	150	308 77	1028 78	Glen..... "
Hagaman's Mills	Maurice G. Hansen	90	8	3	3	....	5	*162	2	3	*54	108	1	158	149 73	1469 61	Hagaman's Mills. "
Henderson	Vacant	13	....	....	....	....	....	16	....	..	....	....	1	25	.....	.....	Jordanville, Her. Co.
Herkimer	Henry M. Cox	125	58	7	2	....	6	*203	9	25	*125	50	1	206	264 46	1648 83	Herkimer..... "
Manheim	Vacant	20*	1	....	....	....	....	*40	9	1	....	*30	1	*35	.....	.....	East Creek, Her. Co.
Mapleton	†Henry H. Sangree	23	3	2	3	....	3	48	....	....	*18	....	1	77	39 00	310 00	Canajoharie .... "
Mohawk	John H. Brandow	79	20	2	3	....	1	104	2	12	....	....	1	123	145 00	1582 42	Mohawk ..... "
Port Jackson	J. R. Kyle	91	1	5	24	10	7	147	6	....	120	120	1	198	263 52	1788 09	Port Jackson..... "
St. Johnsville	Albert Dod Minor	112	5	6	5	...	3	166	15	1	....	....	1	131	87 25	1029 51	St. Johnsville..... "
Sprakers	John A. Thomson	33	35	14	1	...	....	73	4	25	....	57	1	85	24 06	436 97	Sprakers ..... "
Stone Arabia	John A. Thomson	40	4	1	5	....	....	73	....	...	....	....	1	28	12 00	528 28	Stone Arabia..... "
	Total	1608	201	62	78	12	57	2724	86	104	322	652	29	2737	$3291 34	$33890 27	

Other Ministers.—Joseph Kneiskern, Cortland, N.Y.; Richard R. Williams, 216 Quincy St. Brooklyn.; Daniel Lord, Jordonville, Herkimer Co., N.Y.

* Last year's report. † Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blooming Grove	Vacant	65	4	2	....	....	....	77	4	3	.....	.....	1	90	$60 33	$800 29	DeFreestville,..N. Y.
Emmanuel Reform'd	Alen D. Campbell...	100	5	1	7	...	5	196	6	....	.....	.....	1	294	22 11	5909 45	Castleton,..... "
Chatham	Thos. S. Brown, S.S	116	14	8	4	....	3	193	1	8	.....	.....	1	167	574 57	4000 00	Chatham,..... "
First Ghent	DeWitt B. Wyckoff..	80	22	3	2	....	....	121	4	11	45	35	1	130	205 02	1319 52	Ghent, ... "
Second Ghent.....	Isaac S. Schenck	82	5	2	....	....	2	121	3	....	.....	.....	1	59	92 00	909 00	Stockport, ... "
Greenbush	J. R. Gibson (P. E.)	98	....	2	7	....	....	198	...	....	.....	.....	1	152	24 25	2603 44	East Greenbush,.."
Kinderhook	E. A. Collier(S. C.).	165	3	2	6	....	4	308	2	3	.....	96	2	184	1797 75	3792 06	Kinderhook,..... "
Nassau	J. Henry Bertholf..	135	1	3	2	....	3	257	6	....	.....	40	1	108	262 20	1731 75	Nassau, ... "
New Concord	Theo. S. Brown, S. S	25	....	....	1	....	....	31	2	...	.....	.....	1	25	15 00	300 00	New Concord, ... "
Schodack	Edward Birdsall	80	2	1	....	...	3	186	2	1	.....	.....	3	147	228 61	1322 55	Muitzeskill,..... "
Schodack Landing ..	Wm. H. Nasholds...	98	2	2	5	....	3	94	13	3	65	.....	1	160	211 79	1608 87	Schodack Landing"
Stuyvesant	Geo. Z. Collier	63	3	4	1	....	2	87	3	2	50	82	1	96	365 49	980 54	Stuyvesant, ... "
Stuyvesant Falls....	Elbert Nevins, S.S...	40	3	....	1	....	1	64	2	....	.....	.....	1	47	69 11	367 00	Stuyvesant Falls,."
	Total	1147	64	30	36	....	26	1933	48	31	160	253	16	1659	3928 23	25644 47	

Ministers without charge and their Post Office Addresses.—Wilson Ingalls, *retired*, Kinderhook, N. Y.; John Steele, D. D., *retired*, Newark, N. J.; J. B. Drury, D. D., *editor*, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. H. Mc Giffert, *suspended*, Kingston, N. Y.; Jacob I. Gulick, DeFreestville, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Boght	George I. Taylor	40	1	2	....	....	....	84	3	1	....	....	1	63	$50 00	$471 90	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks	James L. Southard	46	2	....	3	....	2	55	....	1	....	....	1	64	145 00	510 00	Buskirks, N. Y
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong	260	47	2	4	....	7	381	15	13	....	....	1	400	500 00	3400 25	Cohoes, N. Y.
Easton	A. G. Cockran, S. S.	....	....	....	..	....	2	15	....	...	....	....	....	....	3 50	24 75	Easton, N. Y.
Fort Miller	E. A. McCullum	31	2	....	1	...	2	76	1	....	...	....	1	59	30 00	486 43	Fort Miller, N. Y
Gansevoort	Vacant	25	....	....	...	....	....	30	....	....	....	....	2	80	.....	.....	Gansevoort, N. Y
Northumberland*	Vacant	66	....	....	...	....	...	113	..	...	....	....	1	150	.....	.... ..	Bacon Hill, N. Y
Rensselaer	George I. Taylor	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Cohoes, N. Y.
Saratoga	E. A. McCullum	152	27	4	5	....	2	302	2	14	....	....	1	242	250 84	2068 09	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke	Theodore Shafer	58	5	4	1	....	1	76	4	4	102	103	1	103	54 10	1167 51	Reynolds, N. Y
Union Village.	F. C. Scoville	60	5	6	1	....	4	163	1	....	....	....	1	77	88 00	1889 33	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy (North)	Vacant	†150	3	7	13	....	4	†209	....	....	....	....	1	275	328 53	3605 25	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy (South)	Vacant	†39	....	....	1	...	...	38	....	....	....	....	....	..	25 00	.....	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill	Ira Van Allen, S. C.	83	38	....	1	....	....	150	6	23	....	....	1	67	139 35	1200 00	Wynantskill, N. Y.
	Total	1010	130	25	30	....	24	1692	32	56	102	103	12	1580	$1614 32	$14823 51	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y. J. W. Beardslee, West Troy, N. Y.
Candidates.—Charles W. Kinney, Cohoes, N. Y.

*Report of 1880. †Last years report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Schenectady...	Albert C. Sewall ...	280	20	14	6	...	13	427*	7	7	....	....	3	584	$1225 25	$4977 44	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady.	Herbert C. Hiads...	145	9	9	12	....	5	202*	14	1	....	....	1	286	400 00	3177 75	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville.....	N. F. Nickerson....	150	46	...	5	1	5	289	1	16	....	7	3	235	227 41	1304 44	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville ...	Robert Doig	86	6	12	1	....	7	186	1	3	....	75	3	160	109 04	1250 90	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe.	64	1	1	....	....	....	98	5	1	....	....	4	175	119 87	750 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam ..	Lauren Vanderver..	63	2	....	1	....	3	86	2	2	....	28	1	103	105 12	618 59	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg.....	Henry M. Voorhees.	190	2	5	4	1	3	403	5	....	....	140	3	260	2122 00	1428 36	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna	C. P. Ditmars, S. C.	115	5	2	6	...	1	221	3	1	112	170	1	170	416 29	3150 00	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill	Evart J. Blekkink..	60	2	1	6	....	2	128	5	2	....	110	2	152	120 04	1024 95	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity	Vacant	84	3	1	5	....	7	144*	1	4	....	135	1	156	180 00	500 00	Vicher's Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown	J. Kelley Rhinehart.	80	4	1	10	1	5	210*	1	1	70	70	1	125	184 23	945 00	Gifford, N. Y.
	Total.....	1317	100	46	56	3	51	2394	45	38	182	735	23	2406	$5209 25	$19147 43	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. P. Davis, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.

*Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Beaverdam	Wm. A. Wurts, P. E.	45	....	....	2	....	....	84	1	....	24	.....	1	75	.....	$350 00	Berne, Albany Co. N.Y.
Berne	Wm. A. Wurts, P. E.	57	6	....	....	....	....	96	....	2	24	40	1	80	$30 14	466 82	Berne, Albany Co. N.Y.
Breakabeen	P. Phelps, Jr., P. E.	32	....	1	1	....	....	38	....	....	.....	.....	1	110	29 37	440 00	North Blenheim, N.Y.
Central Bridge	Vacant	30	....	3	...	....	1	14	....	....	.....	.....	1	45	10 00	322 00	Central Bridge, N. Y.
Cobleskill	Vacant	35	....	1	1	....	....	26	4	1	4	.....	1	59	.....	352 52	Cobleskill, N. Y.
Eminence	Vacant	6	...	....	....	...	1	6	....	....	... ..	.. ..	....	.....	.....	.....	Eminence, N. Y.
Gallupville	Vacant	†42	....	....	....	....	....	72	....	....	.....	.....	1	90	.....	.....	Gallupville, N. Y.
Gilboa	P. A. Wessels, P. E.	60	12	3	4	3	4	106	2	8	8	90	1	105	41 25	1018 03	Gilboa, N. Y.
Lawyerville	Vacant	47	....	....	....	....	2	69	....	....	.....	40	1	105	70 00	226 00	Lawyerville, N. Y.
Middleburgh	D. K. Van Doren	95	2	3	5	....	1	156	....	....	.....	40	1	135	157 13	1200 00	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Moresville	P. A. Wessels, S. S.	18	5	....	....	....	....	23	....	4	.....	30	1	30	7 34	341 13	Gilboa, N. Y.
North Blenheim	P. Phelps, Jr., P. E.	30	3	2	....	....	....	46	3	2	.....	.....	1	50	21 39	300 38	North Blenheim, N.Y.
Prattsville	Vacant	69	....	....	....	....	2	86	....	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	220 36	Prattsville, N. Y.
Schoharie	John G. Smart	75	3	4	*23	....	3	*129	4	....	.....	1	1	88	245 40	2597 57	Schoharie, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain	W. D. Buckalew, S. S.	43	....	3	....	....	2	*82	....	....	25	25	1	96	20 00	400 00	Howe's Cave, N. Y.
Sharon	Vacant	40	....	....	1	....	....	101	....	....	.....	40	1	80	6 00	394 50	Sharon Centre, N. Y.
South Gilboa	Vacant	22	....	...	....	....	....	43	....	....	.....	.....	1	45	5 00	70 00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
	Total	746	31	20	37	3	16	1177	14	17	85	306	15	1193	$643 02	$8699 31	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Edward Miller, Sharon Centre, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Carr, 232 E'm St., Albany N. Y.; Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. E. Vedder Emeritus, Schoharie, N. Y.; Rev. John G. Fagg, Missionary, Amoy, China.

* Revised List. † Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		Bap. non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Post-office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Blue Mountain	Vacant	120	....	....	3	....	3	250	4	....	.....	40	3	200	$138 00	$337 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Caatsban	Arad J. Sebring	100	3	1	....	....	1	162	6	.....	.....	.....	1	106	872 95	1381 71	Saugerties, "
Esopus	J. Howard VanDoren	90	6	2	6	....	6	176	9	4	.....	....	2	210	139 58	1030 00	Ulster Park, "
Flatbush	George J. Van Neste	100	1	3	2	....	9	210	21	....	.....	50	3	284	248 59	1757 65	Glasco "
Kingston	John G. Van Slyke	263	9	12	5	....	12	516	7	3	.....	....	1	.....	.....	.....	Kingston "
Port Ewen	Benj. C. Lippincott	100	24	5	6	....	4	245	5	8	.....	.....	1	172	147 76	1623 00	Port Ewen "
Plattekill	Solomon T. Cole	140	2	....	5	....	3	256	14	2	.....		3	245	70 50	986 79	Cockburn, "
Roxbury	William Schmitz	68	4	2	1	....	3	83	4	3	.....	57	1	74	47 77	1379 48	Roxbury, "
Saugerties	Denis Wortman	220	9	7	8	....	7	331	4	1		.....	1	220	710 00	2850 00	Saugerties "
Shandaken	John T. Bergen	31	....	2	1	....	....	36	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	5 00	.....	Shokan, "
Shokan	John T. Bergen	85	5	4	2	1	4	145	6	3	.....	.....	1	75	46 00	1280 90	Shokan, "
Stewartville	Rufus M. Stanbrough	9	....	....	....	..	....	14	2	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	114 70	West Hurley, "
West Hurley	Rufus M. Staubrough	66	24	2	5	....	1	112	2	9	.....	.....	1	97	4 29	693 16	West Hurley, "
Woodstock	Edw'd. G. Ackerman	64	3	....	1	....	....	100	2	....	.....	49	1	117	25 00	735 00	Woodstock, "
Wiltwyck	William A. Shaw, S.S	44	1	....	....	....	1	78	.	....	....	.....	1	175	150 00	600 00	Kingston, "
	Total	1500	91	40	45	1	54	2714	86	33	.....	196	20	1975	2605 44	14769 39	

***Ministers without charge and their Addresses*—C. Van Santvoord, D. D., Kingston, N. Y.; Calvin Case, Brodhead, N. Y.; Nathan F. Chapman, Saugerties, N. Y.; Jacob N. Voorhis, S. S., Port Ewen, N. Y.; A. J. Beekman, Allentown, N. J.**

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1888.

CLASSES.	Census.				Communicants.						Baptized.			C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Bap. non-communicants.	No. of Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious & Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Albany	17	16	....	1801	213	79	39	2	30	3154	39	37	59	750	21	2806	$18,334 84	$47,715 73	J. Lansing Pearse.
Cayuga	12	6	....	670	25	17	3	....	15	989	13	9	346	177	10	1290	1,972 42	16,947 79	J. W. Vaughan.
Geneva (Rochester)	16	15	....	1064	192	71	40	1	33	2023	114	6	156	292	14	1521	3,595 52	16,722 97	E. Vander Hart.
Greene	7	6	5	725	53	18	23	....	17	1472	41	22	369	259	10	1056	3,225 34	14,829 72	B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery	22	18	....	1698	201	62	78	12	57	2724	86	104	322	652	29	2737	3,291 34	33,890 27	Henry M. Cox.
Rensselaer	13	14	....	1147	64	30	36	....	26	1933	48	31	160	253	16	1659	3,928 23	25,644 47	Edward A. Collier.
Saratoga	14	10	1	1010	130	25	30	....	24	1692	32	56	102	103	12	1580	1,614 32	14,823 51	Ira Van Allen.
Schenectady	11	13	....	1317	100	46	56	3	51	2394	45	38	182	735	23	2406	5,209 25	19,127 43	Cornelius P. Ditmars.
Schoharie	17	11	....	746	31	20	37	3	16	1177	14	17	85	306	15	1193	643 02	8,699 31	David K. Van Doren.
Ulster	15	17	....	1500	91	40	45	1	54	2714	86	33	....	196	20	1975	2,605 44	14,769 39	J. N. Voorhis.
Total	144	126	6	11678	1100	408	387	22	323	20274	518	353	1781	3723	170	18223	$44,419 72	$213,170 59	

ARTICLE IX.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. Lewis Francis having been appointed to represent the Board of Foreign Missions, made an address on the evening of the first day.

The following report from the Committee on Missions was accepted and adopted:

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions respectfully report the following:

No papers on Missions have been referred to your Committee. We would, however, present the following to the consideration of the Synod for their approval and adoption:

1. From the interesting and stirring statements made in the Missionary address of the Rev. Lewis Francis, a delegate from the Board of Foreign Missions to this Synod, we have learned with heartfelt gratitude of the large development of Benevolent gifts from our Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for what he has done for us and with us, and that we reconsecrate ourselves with renewed zeal and hearty devotion to the large opportunities which our Master has entrusted to us in this particular department of Church work.

2. Your Committee would emphasize and again reaffirm the action of this Synod, taken at Herkimer two years ago, "That all our Churches be requested and urged to send their contributions earlier in the fiscal year, that the Board may be relieved from the burden of

paying interest on borrowed money, and the greater burden of anxiety arising from the usual small contributions of the summer months."

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly recommend that each Church adopt some systematic plan of beneficence in every Sunday school, which will give to every member of our Schools an opportunity to make contributions to the cause of Missions, and that special prominence be given to the importance of training the children and youth in this matter of Christian giving.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. McCULLUM,

Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following Nominations by the Classes:

They were confirmed.

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
REV. Wesley R. Davis, D D.	REV. Horace P. Craig,
Lawrence Dykstra,	J. Lansing Pearse,
Andr'w M. Arcularius.	James A. H. Cornell.

Elders.

Stephen Lagrange,
Walter T. Hotaling,
Stephen D. Whitbeck,

Elders.

John S. Shafer,
James Onderdonk,
Peter VanAttan.

Classis of Cayuga.

Ministers.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D.
J. W. Vaughan,

Ministers.

Rev. Charles P. Evans,
Henry Unglaub.

Elders.

Dr. M. M. Bagg,
John Marcellus,

Elders.

E. F. Lowlin,
Ernest Schriber.

Classis of Rochester (late Geneva).

Ministers.

Rev. Maurius Van Doorn,
William H. Ballagh,
Simon Hoogenboom,

Ministers.

Rev. E. Vanderhart,
P. De Bruyn,
Wm. S. Baas.

Elders.

W. H. Anderson,
Peter Lott,
S. De Young,

Elders.

J. W. Rappleye,
C. Van Hee,
C. Cole.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. B. B. Staats,	Rev. W. B. Hill,
E. N. Sebring,	E. Van Slyke, D. D.
D. F. Williams,	B. Van Zandt, D. D.
Elders.	*Elders.*
C. J. Collier,	J. Atwater Cook,
Wm. H. Van Orden,	Joseph McGifford,
Lewis Wolfe,	Wm. L. King.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Maurice G. Hansen,	Rev. Henry H. Sangree,
Henry M. Cox,	J. R. Kyle,
John A. De Baun, D. D.,	John A. Thomson,
Francis S. Haines,	Albert D. Minor,
Elders.	*Elders.*
L. H. Van Deusen,	Rubeh Diefendorf,
Clarence L. Avery,	Luther L. Dean,
Adam Smith,	P. S. Wires,
Jacob Hees,	Wesley Alter.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministes.*
Rev. Geo. Z. Collier,	Rev. J. H. Bertholf,
Elbert Nevius,	Theo. S. Brown,
J. I. Gulick,	J. B. Drury, D. D.

Elders.	*Elders.*
W. H. Plass,	Ezra Hoyt,
Robert Harder,	Joseph D. Clark,
G. Vandenbergh,	A. H. Parks.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Theo. Shafer,	Rev. E. A. McCullum,
J. W. Beardslee, D. D.,	Ira Van Allen,
F. C. Scoville.	James L. Southard.

Elders.	*Elders*
Samual Sheldon,	A. T. Van Vranken, M. D.,
A. H. Van Veghten,	G. C. Kingsley,
Henry Viele.	Joseph Becker.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. A. C. Sewall,	Rev. L. Vanderveer,
C. P. Ditmars,	J. K. Rhinehart,
N. F. Nickerson.	E. J. Blekkink.

Elders.	*Elders.*
Vischer Lansing,	B. J. Romeyn,
Abram Van Vranken	W. T. L. Sanders,
J. J. Marlette.	J. V. Vrooman.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Wm. A. Wurts,	Rev. Philip Phelps Jr., D. D.
John G. Smart,	P. A. Wessells,
D. K. Van Doren,	E. Miller.
Elders,	*Elders.*
J. Van Wagenen,	S. K. Campbell,
D. O. Berger,	Wm. Hayes,
P. S. Danforth.	W. E. Bassler.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. John G. Van Slyke,	Rev. Denis Wortman, D. D.,
N. F. Chapman,	A. J. Sebring,
B. C. Lippincot.	Sol. T. Cole.
Elders.	*Elders.*
John P. Folant,	P. M. Gillespy,
Addison Brainard,	Christopher Fiero,
John L. Hutchings.	W. H. Brinks.

ARTICLE XI.

PARTICULARIA.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows;

From 9 to 12 A. M., from 2;30 to 5;30 P. M., from 7;30 P. M. until such time as Synod may determine.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 425 copies of the Minusts of this Session printed and distributed in the usual manner.

At the opening of the afternoon Session, on the second day, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President presided and read the form; Rev. Theodore Shafer offered prayer; the Rev. C. Van Santford administered the bread, and Rev. Philip Phelps Jr. the wine; elders W. T. L. Sanders, Henry L. Sizer, A. H. Parks, G. H. T. Knapp assisted in the distribution of the elements.

On the evening of the first day the Synod considered the question, "What needs special emphasis in present Church work?" the Rev. John A. De Baun D. D., opening the discussion.

On the evening of the second day the subject was, "The duties of the Consistory towards the Babtized Non-Communicants of the Church;" the Revs. E. A. Collier and D. K. Van Doren opening the discussion in the absence of those appointed.

Rev. J. W. Thompson of the M. E. Church of Greenwich, and Rev. S. R. Bigger of the Presbyterian Church of Johnsonville were invited to sit with Synod.

The Classes were requested to appoint the President as a member of the succeeding Synod that he may perform the duties of retiring President and Chairman of the Committee on Synodical Report.

The Treasurer was directed to pay Rev. John A. De Baun D. D. $3 25; the Rev. Henry M. Voorhees $3 60, and Robert Manyard, Sexton of the Church, $5 00 for special services rendered Synod.

The following Overture was adopted to be submitted to the next General Synod;

WHEREAS, the President of the several Particular Synods are required to be present at the next ensuing meeting in order to preach the Synodical sermon; and

WHEREAS, the retiring President of the Synod is also the chairman of the Committee on Synodical report; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod be memorialized to recommend an amendment to the Constitution by the addition of the following paragaph to Section I Article VIII;

"The retiring President of each Particular Synod shall be ex-officio one of the delegates of his Classis to the meeting of the Synod at whose opening he presides.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to the Rev. Dr. DeBaun for his very able and instructive address, and that he be requested to furnish it to the *Christian Intelligencer* for publication.

ARTICLE XII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be and are hereby extended to the Pastor, Consistory and families of the Church of Greenwich for their generous hospitality; to the choir who have rendered such unusually excellent music, and to the ladies whose taste has so beautifully adorned the Church with flowers.

ARTICLE XIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Church at Kinderhook, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1889, at such hours as the Stated Clerk may determine.

The exercises were closed with prayer by the President.

JOHN G. SMART, *President.*
FRANCIS V. VAN VRANKEN, *Vice-Pres't.*

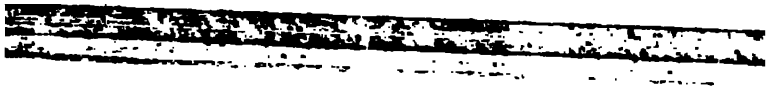
N. F. NICKERSON, } *Temporary Clerks.*
PETER DE BRUYN, }

A true copy of the Minutes.

JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1888.

1864. Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. " J. A. Lansing, D. D., Fonda.
1866. " Chas. Scott, D. D., 1st Kingston.
1867. " John L. McNair, 2nd Albany.
1868. " Philip Peltz, D. D., Saugerties.
1869. " B. Van Zandt, D. D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. " John A. DeBaun, D. D., W. Troy (North).
1871. " S. J. Rodgers, Kinderhook.
1872. " R. W. Clark, D. D., Canajoharie.
1873. " J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., Cohoes.
1874. " Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., 1st Kingston.
1875. " Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. " J. B. Thompson, D. D., W. Troy (South).
1877. " Alex. M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village.
1878. " J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. " Edw. A. Collier, D. D., Chatham Village.
1880. " George J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. " John B. Drury, D. D., Saugteries.
1882. " Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. " Evert Van Slyke, D. D., Schoharie.
1884. " Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.
1885. " Andrew J. Hageman, Fort Plain.
1886. " James Demarest, Jr., D. D., Herkimer.
1887. " Henry M. Voorhees, Schoharie.
1888. " John G. Smart, Greenwich.



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ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met in regular session May 7th, 1889, at 3:30 P. M. in the Reformed Church, at Kinderhook, N. Y., and continued in session until 9:45 o'clock, Wednesday evening

The Synod was called to order by the President, who preached the opening sermon from John 8 : 31 and 32: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

ARTICLE II.

CALLING THE ROLL.

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. John H. Scarlet,	
" J. Henry Enders.	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. B. Van Zandt, D. D.,	W. L. King.
" F. S. Barnum,	Jeremiah Overbaugh.
" E. N. Sebring,	
" B. B. Staats.	

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. Henry H. Sangree,	Jacob Dievendorf,
" Henry M. Cox,	John Getley,
" Philip Furbeck,	Herman L. Vedder,
" R. A. Pearse,	Abram Van Horne.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. G. Z. Collier,	Philip Williams,
" Elbert Nevins,	John Vandecar,
" Wilson Ingalls,	W. H. Rainey,
" E. A. Collier, D. D.,	P. G. Ten Eyck,

From the Classis of Rochester.

Rev. J. Hoffman.

From the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. F. C. Scoville,	J. H. Deyo,
" Ira Van Allen,	G. L. Schuyler,
" Mark A. Denman,	A. H. Van Vechten,
	Joseph Becker.

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. C. P. Ditmars,	Simon H. Vedder,
" Robert Doig,	Andrew Vandenberg,
" Henry M. Voorhees,	Geo. L. Van Allen, M. D.,
	David F. Wormer.

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. John G. Smart,	Chas. Von Linden,
" D. K. Van Doren,	P. S. Danforth,
" E. J. Blekkink,	P. A. Allen, M. D.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. J. Howard Van Doren, Jacob Cairn,
" William Schmitz,
" E. G. Ackerman,
" P. Q. Wilson.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Henry M. Cox was chosen President; the Rev. Robert Doig, Vice-President; the Rev. Wm. Schmitz and Rev. John H. Scarlet, Temporary Clerks. The Rev. C. P. Ditmars was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, in the place of the Rev. John W. Beardslee, D. D., resigned.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF RULES OF ORDER, MINUTES AND VAN BENSCHOTEN BEQUEST.

These were read.

ARTICLE V.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.

Rev. E. N. Sebring,
" H. H. Sangree,
" E. J. Blekkink.
J. H. Deyo,
W. L. King.

On Classical Minutes.

Rev. D. K. Van Doren,
" R. A. Pearse,
" J. H. Scarlet.
Jeremiah Overbaugh,
P. G. Ten Eyck.

On Synodical Report.

Rev. John G. Smart,
" Mark A. Denman,
" Wm. Schmitz.
Chas. Von Linden,
Abram Van Horn.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.

Rev. Philip Furbeck,
" J. H. Enders,
" R. Doig.
P. S. Danforth,
G. L. Schuyler.

On the Treasury.

Rev. C. P. Ditmars,
" F. S. Barnum,
" Wm. Schmitz.
W. H. Rainey,
S. H. Vedder.

On Nominations.

Rev. B. B. Staats,
" F. C. Scoville,
" G. Z. Collier.
H. M. Vedder,
G. L. Schuyler.

On Necrology.

Rev. John A. DeBaun, D. D.

On Religious Exercises.

Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D., W. H. Rainey,
" John G. Smart, P. A. Allen, M. D.
" Ira Van Allen.

On Missions.

Rev. E. Nevins, W. L. King,
" B. Van Zandt, D. D., John Getley.
" J. W. Vaughan.

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. Ira Van Allen, A. H. Van Vechten,
" J. H. Van Doren, A. Vandenberg.
" Wilson Ingalls.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Treasurer's accounts and vouchers were read and referred to the Committee on the Treasury.

A communication from Rev. P. T. Pockman announcing his appointment to represent the Board of Education was read, and Synod resolved to hear him on Tuesday evening after the regular order.

A communication from the Board of Domestic Missions appointing Rev. John W. Beardslee, D. D., to represent it, was read, and Synod resolved to hear him after Rev. Mr. Pockman.

A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, appointing Rev. James F. Riggs as its representative, was read, and Synod resolved to hear him on his arrival.

A communication from the Classis of Ulster was read, and referred to the Committee on Classical Minutes.

A communication from the Classis of Schoharie was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Classis of Cayuga was read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick were received.

The following delegates were chosen to the Particular Synods:

New York, Rev. J. Howard Van Doren.
Chicago, Rev. F. C. Scoville.
New Brunswick, Rev. E. N. Sebring.

ARTICLE VIII.

The following reports were accepted and adopted:

On Necrology.

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully report:

Four of the ministers of this Particular Synod have been called to give account of their stewardship during the past year.

The Rev. John Whitbeck, died at his home in Ithica, on the 12th of October, aged nearly 76 years. He was born at Coxsackie, graduated from Rutgers College in 1837, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary three years later, and was licensed to preach by the Classis of New Brunswick in 1840. His first settlement was with the church of Waterford, where he remained eight years. He afterward served successively the Churches of Henderson, Arcadia and Caroline. In all these pastorates his sound and faithful preaching, his timely and tender ministrations, his dignified frendliness, his consistent Christian character and conseeration to his work, gained him the warm confidence, respect and affection of his own parishoners and of the communities in which he dwelt. Through the last twenty years of his life Mr. Whitbeck was disqualified for regular ministerial work by physical infirmities, and lived peacefully in the city where he died, honored and cherished by the sons and daughters God had given him. Living thus somewhat aside from the most of his brethern, and being naturally of a retiring disposition, he had few intimate acquaintances in our ministry during these latter years. But his memory is pleasant and precious to those who were associated with him in his active ministry, and the members of the Classis of Geneva will long remember him gratefully as for many years their careful painstaking and efficient Stated Clerk.

The Rev. W. H. Mc Griffert died December 26th, at Kingston, where he had resided since 1883, aged 52 years. He was a graduate of Auburn Theological Seminary and most of his active ministerial life was in the pastorate of Presbyterian Churches. His last charge, and only one in our connection, was at Blooming Grove. After his retirement he was an efficient and acceptable Bible Class teacher in the Sabbath School of the Second Church of Kingston, until his death.

The Rev. John Steele, D. D., died in Newark, N. J., January 17th, in the 62nd year of his age. He was born at Somerville, N. J., and united with the First Reformed Church in that place in his early youth. He graduated from Rutgers College in 1845, and from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1848, in which year he was licensed to preach by the Classis of New Brunswick. His first pastoral settlement was at Lebanon, N. J., and afterward, successively at Coxsackie, Union Village, Paterson, N. J., and Greenbush. While in this last charge he was suddenly stricken down with paralysis, in 1886, and never far enough recovered to be able to resume his labors. As an embassador for Christ he was faithful to his mission. His sermons were always prepared with care, and showed marked ability. Each of his churches enjoyed steady growth under his ministry, and many souls were brought under the power of the Gospel through his labors. One of the classmates who loved him, preaching at his funeral, said: "We can say of him as a preacher, that he was faithful to the Master and to the truth: as a pastor, he was kind and affectionate to the people in his charge: as a husband and father, he was loving, and the light and joy of the family home: as a friend, he was true as the needle to the pole: as a man among his fellowmen, he was strict in his integrity and loyal to the right." Another classmate and life-long friend writes of him: "I have never known him to speak a cross word or do a mean thing. In his boyhood, early manhood and mature life, he was the consistent Christian, the loving friend."

The Rev. Jacob N. Voorhis died March 9th, aged 75 years. He was reared in the Reformed Church of

Schraalenburgh, married there, and lived for some years on his farm before he understood that he was called of God to the work of the ministry. He entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, after such preparation as he had time to make, in 1842, and graduated three years later. His faith was sorely tried and his resources nearly exhausted before he obtained a pastoral charge, but he would not be turned back, and at last light broke through the cloud, and the way was opened to regular service. He continued in the active pastorate for over thirty years at Day, Shokan, Greenport, Clove and Esopus, until the infirmities of years were heavy upon him. He was able, however, to discharge to the last the duties of Stated Clerk of the Classis of Ulster, which office he filled for many years. His sermons were marked by a clear analysis of the truth, and were "edifying to the body of Christ." Scores of precious souls were brought into the fold of Christ by his ministry.

Of these brethern we say, "they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." We who remain may well hear the Master's exhortation to "work while the day lasts, for the night cometh."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DeBaun.

Treasury.

Your Committee on the Treasury would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and found them correct.

The financial statement is as follows:

1888.	Dr.		
May	1.	Balance on hand	$102 06
"	2.	Cash from Classis of Rochester	9 00
June	15.	" " " " Saratoga	14 00
"	16.	" " " " Albany	24 00
"	22.	" " " " Greene	12 00
Sept.	7.	" " " " Rensselaer	18 00
"	14.	" " " " Schenectady	14 00
"	20.	" " " " Montgomery	20 09
"	20.	" " " " Schoharie	8 00
Oct.	6.	" " " " Ulster	18 00
"	6.	" " " " Cayuga	9 00
			$248 06

1888, Cr.				
May	2.	Paid	Rev. H. M. Voorhees	$ 3 60
"	"	"	Sexton	5 00
"	"	"	Rev. J. A. DeBaun, D. D.	3 25
"	"	"	Salary of Stated Clerk	50 00
"	"	"	Allowance of Stated Clerk	6 00
"	25.	"	Munsell, for printing	92 04
				$159 99
1889, May 6.			Balance to new account	$ 88 07

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. DITMARS,
Chairman

On Synodical Minutes.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave respectfully to report that the minutes of the General Synod and also those of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York. New Brunswick and Chicago have been placed in their hands, and after a somewhat careful examination, find nothing that demands special attention by this Synod.

E. N. SEBRING,
Chairman.

On Religious Services.

The Committee on Religious services reported as follows for the evening services of the sessions of 1890.

On the evening of the first day Synod shall consider the topic, "The Sphere of the Evangelist." The Rev. D. K. Van Doren to make a twenty minute address, with the Rev. Theo. S. Brown as his secundus; this to be followed by a twenty minute address by the Rev. F. C. Scoville, with the Rev. Ira Van Allen as his secundus.

On the evening of the second day the Synod shall consider the topic of "Woman's Work in the Church," to be opened with a twenty minute address by the Rev. D. Wortman, D. D., with the Rev. H. M. Voorhees as his secundus; this to be followed by a twenty minute address by the Rev. A. C. Sewall, with the Rev. Wm. Schmitz as his secundus.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COLLIER,
Chairman.

On Classical Minutes.

The Committee on Classical Minutes presents to Synod the following report:

There have been placed in our hands the books of minutes of the Classes of Albany, Cayuga, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Rochester, Saratoga, Schenectady and Schoharie. We find these minutes, in the main, kept in an orderly manner, showing in several instances, excellent penmanship. There are a few items gathered from these books to which your committee would call attention.

In the records of the Classis of Albany we find omission of the Statistical Table. Last year that table was appended in printed form, after the minutes were signed by the Stated Clerk and ratified by the Synod. The same thing occurs in the Classis of Greene. Your committee is of the opinion that such an act is illegal, and that Classis should record their Statistical Table as they record the rest of their proceedings. In the Classis of Greene we notice a lack of regularity in the records made by the Stated Clerk. Its minutes are somewhat mixed, and not very easily legible. We recommend that this Classis exercises more care for its records, as they may be of much importance many years hence.

From examination of the minutes of the Classis of Rochester we find two omissions by that Classis to open and close its meetings with prayer. Synod calls its attention to this neglect.

We have not in our hands the book of records of the Classis of Ulster. A letter received by your committee, shows that an earnest endeavor was made by the Stated Clerk of that Classis to have their book here but he has failed. We recommend that he be excused for his seeming neglect. Your committee have placed in their hands a communication from the Classis of Ulster relating to an action of the last Synod, calling the attention of that Classis to a seeming irregularity in its minutes. Your committee have not in their hands the minutes, and therefore cannot give any advice. We recommend the approval and signing of the minutes on hand.

D. K. VAN DOREN,
Chairman.

Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures respectfully submit the following:

In regard to the Overture from the Classis of Schoharie, requesting the Particular Synod of Albany to consider the practicability of appointing a missionary superintendent to labor within its bounds.

Resolved, That a special committee of three ministers and two elders be appointed by this Particular Synod to supervise the interests of our weak and vacant churches, and if in their wisdom, it is thought best to select and appoint a missionary superintendent, they have this authority.

In reference to the overture from the Classis of Cayuga, asking to be transferred to the Classis of Montgomery or Rochester, your committee further report, that after a full consideration of the overture, they unanimously recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classis of Cayuga be disbanded and that all the Churches of said Classis be, and are hereby transferred to, and are placed under the jurisdiction of the Classis of Montgomery, full jurisdiction of all such Churches under the constitution and rules of the Reformed Church in America; with the understanding that if any Church now identified with the Classis of Cayuga, prefers to be connected with the Classis of Rochester, such Church be recommended to apply to the next Particular Synod, for dismission to the aforesaid Classis of Rochester. And that we recommend that the Churches of Port Jackson, Cranesville, Hageman's Mills, and Florida in the Montgomery Classis, hereafter, if they shall so elect, apply to Synod, to be attached to the Classis of Schenectady.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP FURBECK.

Chairman.

On Synodical Report.

Your committee would respectfully report that it has received the narratives on the state of religion and the records of ministerial changes from all the Classes. also the Statistical Tables.

These have been carefully examined, and compared with the reports of last year.

The Classis of Albany reports that, "Two noticeable features mark the year's work: 1. In matters of benevolent contributions all the churches have contributed something with but one exception. 2. The large number of Churches which report revivals of greater or less magnitude, viz: 1st Reformed, Albany; 3rd, Albany; 2nd, Bethlehem; Onesquethaw; Jerusalem; Union."

The Classis of Cayuga reports a large increase in benevolent contributions, and laments that it has only two settled pastors, and, after May 1st, will have but one.

The Classis of Rochester. The narrative and the statatistical tables show the Churches to have gained in every respect. There is a marked increase in benevolent contributions. This is counteracted, however, by the great decline in benevolent contributions of the Church receiving the largest accessions to her roll of communicants, over $300.00 of this decline was made up by the other Churches. The net decline in this column is $555.80. Compared with 1887 and 1886 there would be an advance by this first Church of Rochester in benevolent contributions. What occasioned such unusual contributions one year ago does not appear.

The Classis of Greene reports a large increase in expenditures for congregational purposes, and one equally large in benevolent contributions. Their narrative contains the following: "Speaking of prosperity, however, we are forced to the conclusion, that, however great may have been our success in temporal matters, however much we may have done in keeping up our Church financially, and in sustaining the various Boards and funds of the Church, yet the fact remains most potent that the additions to our various Churches on confession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is alarmingly small; only 22 all told against 53 last year and 83 the year before.

Special attention is called to the increase in benevolent contributions of the 1st Church of Athens, $7,000 was expended in renovating their Church edifice, a free will offering on the part of the people, and "while the

people have responded liberally for all this, they have not withheld gifts to other causes, and their contributions to the Boards of the Church are larger than ever before."

The few children presented for baptism is very properly made an occasion of lament and of exhortation in this narrative.

In the printed minutes of last year a typographical error makes the contributions for benevolence $1,000 more than it really was.

The Classis of Montgomery also reports an increased expenditure for congregational purposes; but a slight decline in benevolent contributions. Two of the Churches, those of Canajoharie and Port Jackson, report large additions to their rolls of communicants, but a large decline in benevolent contributions, $70 by the former and $58 by the latter.

St. Johnville and Sprakers added many to their communicants, and also increased their benevolent contributions.

In the Church of Fort Plain, increased expenditures bring increase in benevolence.

The narrative mentions the dedication of the new edifice at Fort Plain free from all debt, and, "on account of this special work of building taxing the resources, it has not been thought best to press the matter of benevolent contributions, though these have not been neglected."

Without pressure Fort Plain nearly doubled her benevolent contributions of the year before, when it was only $244.51; this year it is $439. (In 1887 it was $494; in 1886, $552.26. These two years of unusual gifts from that Church were also years of unusual expenditures for congregational purposes.) The Classis regrets that benevolent contributions are not greater, while in other respects it has reason for gratitude.

The Classis of Rensselaer reports the organization of a Church at Bath-on-the-Hudson, and greatly increased benevolence; $2,000 being special gifts of a member of the Church at Kinderhook. The increase beyond this comes chiefly from those Churches that have been expending money more freely than usual on

their own edifices,—Churches or parsonages. The Church with the largest per cent. of additions to her roll of communicants has diminished her benevolent contributions nearly one-third, while Castleton and Greenbush have increased in both. The great increase comes from a Church whose loss and gain of communicants just balance. The narrative concludes, "No Church need be cast down by the result of the year's work, and none are so prosperous as to be able to view the record with entire satisfaction." Special mention is properly made of the long continued pastorate over this church where we are to-day assembled. It is a rare occurence in these days for a pastor to have been a quarter of a century in the service of the same Church.

The Classis of Saratoga makes the following memorandas on the back of the Statistical Table:

"There is an earnest spiritual interest in the Churches of the Classis of Saratoga. In no Church is there an absence of spirituality. In some the Holy Spirit has shown Himself with power."

"We must note the remarkable interest at Ganse-voort and Northumberland, which, at the time of presenting this report, has by no means waned. As the life of one of these Churches was at one time despaired of, there is just reason to thank God for this revival of Grace."

"The Churches of Easton and Rensselaer are omitted from the report of the Classis this year: they have long been but a name, without visible organization."

The Statistical Table is not effected by this omission.

There is an increase in the contributions for benevolent and for congregational purposes. The increase in benevolence is chiefly from vacant Churches and from those which gave nothing last year. There is a decline in this regard where there has been the largest number added to the roll of communicants.

The Classis of Schenectady. The narrative states that "the reports in the main are encouraging, and the year manifestly one of marked material and spiritual progress * * * * * the best record in a number of years."

Special mention is made of the large additions to the rolls of communicants of the 1st and 2nd Churches

of Schenectady and of that of 2nd Glenville, with a slight increase in their contributions for benevolence.

The Church at Princetown increased its contributions to benevolence from $184,23 last year, to $500 this year: a gain worthy of special mention.

There is an apparent decline in the benevolent contributions, but a real advance of $519. Last year one Church reported, as part of their benevolence $2,000, spent in the erection of a chapel. This must be deducted from the benevolence of last year. It should not have been so reported then.

The Classis of Schoharie. The loss and gain of communicants nearly balance: net gain only 5 —, but the revision of Church rolls causes an actual loss of 14. The increase in benevolence is quite marked; almost 25 per cent. In her 17 Churches there are but 5 pastors, and one stated supply. 7 of the Churches are vacant.

The Classis of Ulster. From the narrative on state of religion we learn that the Church of Esopus has expended $1,700 on its edifice and increased her benevolent contributions. The narrative concludes, "We do not observe any marked spirit of revival in our Churches, except in that of Woodstock, but the general temper and spiritual tone of the Churches is considered in many respects excellent." The Statistical Tables show a decline in benevolent contributions, where the largest accession has been made to the Church roll; and a large increase in benevolent contributions where there has been large increase in expenditures for congregational purposes.

The apparent gain in benevolent contributions is due to the fact that the Kingston Church made no report of benevolence last year. This year it reports $1,260. The opposite extreme is found in the report from the Church of Blue Mountain. Last year, while vacant, her benevolent contributions were $138. This year, with a regular supply, they are only $5. There is really a loss in the benevolent column, if we leave out Kingston.

Your committee would call the attention of Synod to some revelations of this review of the past year.

There is an apparent loss of three Churches which is not accounted for in the reports from the classes.

There is a slight gain in the number of ministers, though not enough to equal the number of our Churches: twenty-five Churches are vacant. 31 ministers are reported who are not pastors. Two of these are Foreign Missionaries, and one an editor, one retired, and two emeritus; of the others, 25 in number, only their names and residences are reported. They are sufficient in number to man all our vacant Churches, supposing them to be in vigor.

This year, there is a net gain of 174 families; of 827 communicants, which the revision of Church rolls and the increased list of non-resident communicants reduces to 537; an increase in benevolent contributions of $8,343.99; and in contributions for congregational purposes of $5,706.82.

This year, in many of the Churches the young people have been organized into Societies of Christian Endeavor. This is in accord with the recommendation of the last General Synod.

The attention of the Synod is especially called to what has so few exceptions that it appears to be a rule: increased expenditures for congregational purposes are accompanied with an increase in the benevolent contributions of the Churches; and large accessions to the roll of communicants with a decrease in benevolent contributions. With scare an exception where a Church reports special "Spiritual blessing" (we use the language of the reports), they report a considerable falling off in the benevolent column; and, in other instances, where there has not been numerical growth, the Churches comfort themselves that they have grown in their benevolence.

These are facts worthy of thoughtful consideration. Possibly they should be studied with two other texts; the one to be found in 1st John, 3 :17, the other in 1st Timothy, 5 :8.

The statistics of the Synod show a considerable advance in all regards; more especially in the consecration of the Church's wealth: an advance of $14,050.81 in comparison with that of last year.

Your committee recommend the preparation of a new blank, more widely spaced, for the Statistical Tables. The increasing figures are so crowded as to make it difficult to decipher some of the classical reports. This

has occasioned many inaccuracies in the footings, and unnecessarily increased the labor of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. SMART,
Chairman.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Received.

Rev. Walter S. Brown, Sept. 18th, 1888, from the Classis of Orange.

Rev. H. Miller, Oct. 2nd, 1888, from the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Charles W. Kinney, April 16th, 1889, from the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. George T. Dowling, April 16th, 1889, from the Baptist Denomination.

Installed.

Rev. H. Miller, Oct. 2, 1888, over the 4th Reformed church of Albany.

Rev. Lawrence Dykstra, Jan., 1889, over the 1st Reformed church of Bethlehem.

Rev. George T. Dowling, June 4, 1889, over the Madison Avenue Reformed church of Albany.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. W. R. Davis, Sept. 18, 1888, and the Madison Avenue Reformed church of Albany.

Between Rev. Lawrence Dykstra, Nov. 2, 1888, and the Holland Reformed church of Albany.

Dismissed.

Rev. W. R. Davis, Sept. 18, 1888, to South Classis of Long Island.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Received.

Rev. F. S. Barnum, from the Presbytery of Westchester, June 27, 1888.

Installed.

Rev. F. S. Barnum over the 2d church of Coxsackie.

Dismissed.

Rev. D. T. Williams, to Presbytery of Omaha, Oct. 29, 1888.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Received.

Rev. Philip Furbeck, from the Classis of Passaic, Nov. 24, 1888.

Installed.

Rev. Albert Dod Minor, over the church of Fort Herkimer, Sept. 17, 1888.

Rev. Albert Dod Minor, over the church of Mohawk, Sept. 18, 1888.

Rev. Philip Furbeck, over the church of St. Johnsville, Dec. 11, 1888.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Wm. W. Whitney, and the church of Ephratah, April 16, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. John H. Brandow, to the Presbytery of Otsego, April 17, 1888.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELEAR.

Received.

Rev. J. Laubenheimer, from the Classis of Paramus, Dec. 19, 1888.

Rev. J. Perry Beaver, from the Presbytery of Columbia, March 12, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. J. Laubenheimer, over the church of East Greenbush, Dec. 19, 1888.

Rev. J. Perry Beaver, over the church of Nassau, March 12, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. J. H. Bertholf, and the church of Nassau, Oct. 2, 1888.

Between Rev. A. D. Campbell, and the church of Castleton, April 16, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. Jacob I. Gulick, to the Classis of Rochester, June 13, 1888.

Rev. J. H. Bertholf, to the Classis of Monmouth, Oct. 2, 1888.

Died.

Rev. W. H. McGiffert, Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1888.

Rev. John Steele, D. D., Newark, N. J., Jan. 17, 1889.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER.

Received.

P. Wayenberg, a Licentiate, from the Classis of Iowa, June 19, 1888.

F. W. Palmer, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Geneva, June 19, 1888.

Rev. J. I. Gulick, from the Classis of Rensselaer, June 19, 1888.

Rev. C. F. Porter, from the Presbytery of Buffalo, Dec. 12, 1888.

Rev. P. G. M. Bahler, from the Classis of Holland, April 17, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. F. W. Palmer, over the church of Farmer-village, July 10, 1888.

Rev. P. Wayenberg, over the church of Putneyville, June 19, 1888.

Rev. J. I. Gulick, over the church of Tyre, July 11, 1888.

Rev. Wm. Baas, over the church of Palmyra, Nov. 20, 1888.

Rev. C. F. Porter, over the church of Lodi, Dec. 18, 1888.

Rev. M. Van Doorn, over the church of Arcadia, Feb. 19, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Wm. Ballah, and the church of Lodi, April 18, 1888.

Between Rev. M. Van Doorn, and the church of Clymer, Jan. 2, 1889.

Died.

Rev. John Whitbeck, Ithica, N. Y.

Classis of Saratoga.

Received.

Henry Evertson Cobb, Licentiate, from the North Classis of Long Island, May 16, 1888.

Rev. Mark Austin Denman, from the Presbytery of Troy, Sept. 11, 1888.

Installed.

Rev. Henry Evertson Cobb, over the North church of West Troy, June 5, 1888.

Rev. Mark Austin Denman, over the church of Northumberland, Oct. 9, 1888.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Theodore Shafer, and the church of Schaghticoke, Jan. 2, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. Charles W. Kinney, to the Classis of Albany, Nov. 13, 1888.

Rev. Theodore Shafer, to the Classis of New Brunswick, Jan. 2, 1889.

Classis of Schenectady.

Received.

Rev. Isaac L. Kip, from the Presbytery of Westchester, Dec. 3d, 1888.

Rev. Jas. E. Graham, from the Classis of Westchester, April 16, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. Isaac L. Kip, over the church of Lisha's Kill, Dec. 18, 1888.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. E. J. Blekkink, and the church of Lisha's Kill, May 11th, 1888.

Dismissed.

Rev. E. J. Blekkink, to the Classis of Schoharie, May 11th, 1888.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Received.

Rev. E. J. Blekkink, from the Classis of Schenectady, May 21.

Installed.

Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D. D., over the churches of North Blenheim and Breakabeen, June 20.

Rev. P. A. Wessells, over the church of Gilboa, June 21.

Rev. E. J. Blekkink, over the churches of Lawyerville and Cobleskill, July 10.

Dismissed.

Rev. W. D. Buckelew, to Classis of Bergen.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Received.

Rev. Peter Q. Wilson, from the Otsego Presbytery, Oct. 2, 1888.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. George J. Van Neste, and the church of Flatbush, Nov. 19, 1888.

Between Rev. J. Talmadge Bergen, and the churches of Shokan and Shandaken, Feb. 25, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. George J. Van Neste, to Classis of Raritan.

Rev. J. Talmadge Bergen, to Classis of Michigan.

Died.

Rev. Jacob N. Voorhis, March 9, 1889.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Albany,	J. Wilbur Chapman,	416	108	27	14	...	5	780	12	52	.....	.....	1	427	$5,060 91	$18,624 67	Albany, N. Y
Madison Avenue,	Geo. T. Dowling, P.E.	282	6	2	13	..	12	461	4	2	461	.....	2	441	9,131 00	10,935 00	Albany, N. Y.
Third Albany,	W. H. Tracy,	187	20	22	12	....	3	193	8	2	.....	.....	1	260	260 00	4,848 00	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Albany,	Henry Miller,	61	26	...	2	....	1	160	11	....	200	26	1	134	70 00	4,081 39	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany,	L. Dykstra, S. S.	75	9	2	5	...	4	142	13	...	.....	50	1	140	190 00	1,334 84	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem,	Lawrence Dykstra,	155	2	1	2	...	2	200	2	...	.....	.....	4	400	259 00	1,492 57	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem,	J. L. Pearse, S. C	100	44	3	6	...	6	249	3	13	.....	100	1	170	339 00	1,265 00	Delmar, N. Y.
Second Berne,	Andrew Parsons,	38	...	....	11	...	1	78	...	...	.....	15	1	90	27 00	336 50	Knox, N. Y.
Knox,	Andrew Parsons,	19	1	..	...	.	1	40	..	...	.....	10	1	70	46 00	375 00	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville,	W. S. Brown, P. E.	50	4	5	2	....	1	85	2	2	.....	36	1	158	41 64	950 00	Clarksville, N. Y.
Coeymans,	Horace P. Craig,	100	1	5	5	....	6	184	6	...	.....	120	1	120	301 00	1,257 00	Coeymans, N. Y.
Onesquethaw,	W. S. Brown, P. E.	40	11	....	1	....	2	60	3	3	20	6	1	52	11 25	279 00	Clarksville, N. Y.
Jerusalem,	John H. Scarlet,	83	23	....	1	....	....	185	4	6	.....	60	1	130	150 87	1,450 41	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem,	Geo. Macardle, S. S.	110	3	5	5	....	..	189	2	1	....	169	1	224	.....	1,218 84	New Salem, N. Y.
Union,	John H. Scarlet, S. S.	48	20	1	....	....	....	55	1	12	.....	30	1	70	9 62	376 00	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Baltimore,	A. M. Arcularius,	100	4	1	4	....	1	173	3	1	.....	.....	1	129	322 08	1,443 77	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo,	C. W. Kinney, P. E.	42	7	....	1	....	3	75	...	5	.....	.....	1	60	23 25	554 21	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1906	289	74	84	....	48	3309	74	99	.....	622	21	3075	$16,142 62	$50,822 20	

Other Ministers.—**Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Albany, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.**

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions		Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Cicero,	Vacant,	28	3	...	....	....	....	28	...	3	.....	.....	1	60	$ 30 59	$ 80 00	Cicero, N. Y.
Naumberg,	Vacant,†	15	....	...	....	....	..	55	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen,	Vacant,†	8	....	...	....	....	....	29	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Bremen, N. Y.
Owasco,	J. W. Vaughan, S. S.	85	1	....	4	....	2	111	1	1	.....	.....	2	205	130 00	2,208 07	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet,	Hervey D. Leland,	24	1	....	1	....	....	26	....	1	.....	.....	2	80	155 43	673 00	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock,	Vacant,	14	..	...	....	....	1	24	...	....	24	....	1	32	7 50	43 00	Point Rock, N. Y.
Syracuse,	W. B. Coddington,*	150	3	5	5	....	6	252	...	....	252	209	1	306	1,676 08	3,922 38	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles,	C. Park Evans, S. S.	100	3	..	2	....	1	113	6	3	.. ..	150	1	150	70 00	1,1 0 60	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
West Leyden,	Julius J. Keerl, P. E.	20	...	...	....	....	1	35	5	...	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	West Leyden, N. Y.
Utica,	Isaac S. Hartley, D.D.	120	6	3	3		4	162	..	....	....	.....	2	280	8 087 66	3,946 94	Utica, N. Y.
Total,		564	17	8	15	....	15	845	14	8	816	359	10	1113	$10,157 17	$12,135 39	

Other Ministers—Rev. Guido Verbeck, D.D., Tokio, Japan. *Not member of Classis. †Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized		Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Schemes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Athens	W. B. Hill	115	4	1	1	....	3	209	9	1	.....	.. ...	1	240	$ 425	.....	$8,030 00	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	E. N Sebring	25	1	1	1	...	2	30	1	....	.....	.....	1	45	3	.....	300 00	Leeds, N. Y.
First Catskill	Evert Van Slyke, D.D.	175	8	10	7	....	3	471	1	1	230	175	3	290	1,163	$509	4,145 82	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie	B. B Staats	100	4	4	5	....	5	*190	2	1	51	80	2	179	230	27	1,321 00	West Coxsackie, N.Y.
Second Coxsackie	F. S Barnum	140	3	9	5	....	4	270	....	2	50	.....	2	218	805	49	2,579 00	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom	Vacant	85	...	...	3	...	2	230	1	...	60	..	3	141	48	... .	707 00	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds	E. N. Sebring	72	2	3	1	....	6	90	....	2	.....	.....	2	100	110	30	760 00	Leeds, N. Y.
Total	.. ..	712	22	28	23	...	25	1190	14	7	391	255	14	1213	$2,784	$615	$17,842 82	

Other Ministers.—Rev. B. Van Zandt, D.D. (S. C.) Catskill; Rev. S. W. Roe, D.D., Cairo, N. Y.
Candidates.—Edward O. Chickering, Henry C. Curler, M. D. Brandow.

*37 of these non-resident members.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Censs.	Communicants.						Baptized		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Schemes of the Church.	Other Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Auriesville,	John C. Boyd, S. S.	42	19	1	2	....	1	61	1	14	.....	.....	1	102	$ 33	$ 10	$ 488 48	Auriesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie,	Francis S Hain s.	200	24	3	5	....	2	338	3	12	.....	.....	2	176	227	7	2,884 84	Canajoharie N. Y.
Columbia,	James M. Compton.	65	2	1	4	....	1	74	....	2	5	.....	2	174	21	.....	813 76	South Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville,	Joshua R. Kyle,	30	2	....	....	....	3	39	....	1	.....	.....	1	48	3	.....	428 00	Cranesville, N Y.
Currytown,	Henry H. Sangree,	29	5	1	2	....	..	65	....	3	.....	.....	1	41	83	17	905 33	Currytown, N. Y.
Ephratah,	Vacant,	70	5	....	3	....	1	130	3	4	20	16	1	108	6	10	825 36	Ephratah, N. Y.
Florida	Richard A. Pearse,	72	5	....	..	....	3	115	..	....	.....	.....	2	120	86	16	1,300 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda	John A. DeBaun,	214	12	4	4	....	9	429	14	7	.....	100	4	400	678	182	2,157 00	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer,	Albert Dod Minor,	13	1	1	..	....	2	15	....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	..	.....	†300 00	Herkimer, N. Y.
Fort Plain,	James Demarest	150	2	7	....	....	6	225	9	2	.....	90	1	152	218	221	13,192 16	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fultonville,	F. V. Van Vranken	120	5	4	4	....	3	138	3	3	.....	100	1	130	227	47	2,687 65	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen,	Vacant,	59	....	....	2	....	1	96	4	....	.....	70	2	167	154	29	576 79	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills,	Maurice G. Hansen,	91	6	6	5	....	....	169	1	2	.....	100	1	172	102	12	1,552 24	Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.
Henderson,	Vacant,	13	....	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	.....	....	1	25	.....	.....	.....	Jordanville, N. Y.
Herkimer,	Henry M. Cox, S. C.	125	7	1	5	....	1	205	8	3	125	100	3	252	277	81	1,511 48	Herkimer, N. Y.
Manheim,	Vacant,	20	....	....	....	....	....	40	....	....	....	30	1	35	....	.....	.....	East Creek N. Y.
Mapletown,	Henry H. Sangree,	19	8	....	....	....	..	20	6	2	.....	.....	1	30	6	5	337 45	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk	Albert Dod Minor,	79	1	8	3	....	....	110	1	1	.....	.....	1	166	53	11	†1,600 00	Mohawk, N. Y.
Port Jackson,	Joshua R. Kyle,	92	20	2	5	....	2	165	3	6	125	120	1	188	173	32	1,271 00	Amsterdam, N. Y.
St. Johnsville,	Philip Furbeck,	112	27	4	6	....	2	189	3	12	.....	.....	1	137	37	60	1,500 14	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Sprakers,	John A. Thomson,	*63	31	2	6	....	2	*95	8	22	.....	25	1	93	48	.....	758 41	Sprakers, N. Y.
Stone Arabia,	John A. Thomson,	40	2	....	4	....	....	72	6	....	.....	20	1	23	13	.....	587 50	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Total,		1718	184	45	60	....	39	2809	73	97	275	771	31	2739	$2,445	$740	$25,677 59	

Other Ministers and their Postoffice Addresses.—Rev. Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, N. Y.; Rev. Richard R. Williams, 216 Quincy St., Brooklyn; Rev. Daniel Lord, Jordanville, Herkimer County, N. Y.

*Revised List. †Estimated.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Schemes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bath-on-Hudson,	Vacant,	25	11	....	..	....	....	11	....	....	.....	.. ..	1	50	.....	.....	.....	Bath-on-Hudson, N Y
Blooming Grove,	Vacant,	67	17	2	7	....	....	*84	1	7	.....	.....	1	111	$ 43	....	$ 697 00	Defreestville, N. Y
Emmanuel, Castleton	Vacant,	100	20	3	4	..	12	201	6	8	.....	.....	1	262	50	.....	2,581 00	Castleton, N. Y.
Chatham,	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.	120	3	7	2	...	3	198	....	1	.....	.....	1	†167	448	$111	2,050 00	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent,	DeWitt B. Wyckoff,	80	4	3	..	....	3	125	8	3	50	40	1	130	209	35	1,155 00	Ghent, N. Y
Second Ghent,	Isaac S. Schenck,	†82	3	..	2	....	....	122	3	....	.....	.....	1	63	64	102	1,120 00	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush,	J Lansbenheimer,	114	12	3	3	....	2	210	2	....	.....	141	1	161	170	50	1,530 00	East Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook,	Edw'd A. Collier, S C.	165	5	5	2	..	8	308	3	3	175	80	2	180	3,427	149	2,444 00	Kinderhook N. Y.
Nassau,	J Perry Beaver,	135	....	....	2	....	4	*192	2	....	2	.....	2	174	48	.....	1,377 00	Nassau, N. Y.
New Concord,	Theo. S. Brown, S. S	25	5	....	....	....	1	38	3	2	5	.....	1	†32	20	.... ..	283 00	New Concord, N. Y.
Schodack,	E. Birdsall,	80	3	....	5	....	3	181	2	1	.....	.....	2	182	284	.....	1,279 00	Multzeskill, N Y.
Schodack Landing,	W. H Nasholds,	100	2	2	2	....	1	179	2	2	....	.....	1	144	158	5	1,582 00	Schodack Landing,
Stuyvesant,	George Z. Collier,	65	2	2	1	....	1	91	3	2	50	80	1	92	581	56	1,551 00	Stuyvesant N. Y.
Stuyvesant Falls,	Elbert Nevius, S. S.	40	2	....	2	....	1	63	6	....	.....	.....	1	48	125	32	387 00	Stuyvesant Falls, N.Y
Total,	.....	1198	89	27	32	..	39	2003	41	29	282	341	17	1796	$5,627	$540	$18,038 00	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, retired, Kinderhook, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Drury, D.D., Editor of *The Christian Intelligencer*, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. A. D. Campbell, New Brunswick, N. J. *Revised List. †Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Abbe Church,	John Hoffman,	78	33	14	3	....	1	172	4	2	.....	60	1	120	$122 55	$1,020 00	Clymer, N. Y.
Arcadia,	M. Van Doorn,	35	..	1	4	....	1	77	11	....	90	15	1	70	39 00	245 00	Newark, N. Y.
Clymer Hill,	P. G. M. Bashier,	67	..	....	15	..	3	165	8	....	.....	28	1	70	147 16	786 00	Clymer, N. Y.
East Williamson	G. H. Hospers,	120	5	10	11	2	4	258	12	1	313	42	1	125	259 94	1,(42 22	East Williamson, N. Y.
Ev. Prot. Christ Ch.	John Boehrer,	40	5	....	....	7	....	48	5	....	70	4	1	28	5 35	123 66	1175 Mich. St., Buffalo.
Farmer Village,	F. W. Palmer,	116	13	8	....	....	....	168	2	6	.....	.....	1	145	175 14	1,569 81	Farmer Village, N. Y.
Geneva																	
Lodi,	C. F. Porter,	100	7	1	3	....	....	192	1	1	.....	.....	1	101	184 48	1,193 56	Lodi, N. Y.
Marion,	S. Hogenboom,	135	9	21	2	....	2	290	13	....	.....	60	1	180	104 04	1,385 00	Marion, N. Y.
Pultneyville,	P. Wayenberg,	72	24	13	2	....	2	148	15	1	118	.... ..	1	88	186 50	880 60	Pultneyville, N. Y.
First Rochester,	Peter De Bruyn,	218	28	4	3	1	6	352	14	....	.....	110	1	257	1,351 38	3,097 38	49 Concord Ave., Roch.
Second Rochester	E Vander Hart,	40	15	9	....	..	....	128	14	4	.....	.....	1	180	203 00	3,616 04	48 Rowley St., Roch.
Palmyra	W. G. Baas,	35	12	14	2	....	1	80	14	..	.....	20	1	83	17 13	300 80	Palmyra, N. Y.
Tyre	J. I. Gulick,	42	9	....	3	..	4	65	3	5	.....	.....	1	101	244 05	224 07	Malcolm, N. Y.
Total,		1098	150	95	48	10	24	2143	116	20	591	339	13	1548	$3,039 72	$15,483 34	

Other Ministers.—Rev. A. M. Mann, D D., Farmer, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Rev. S. J. Renskers, Emeritus, Clymer, N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen, Pultneyville, N. Y.; Rev. W. H. Ballagh, Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y.: Rev. Chester P. Murray, Union Springs, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized		Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Bap. Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boght,	George I. Taylor,	40	4	...	...	...	1	84	2	2	... ..	.....	1	58	$ 34 90	$ 475 23	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks,	James L. Southard,	50	5	1	....	....	....	61	1	4	8	.....	1	81	191 72	853 00	Buskirks, N. Y.
Cohoes,	J. Paschel Strong,	260	22	1	5	....	6	393	6	3	.....	50	1	395	383 57	4,111 12	Cohoes, N Y.
Easton,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	....	....	15	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Miller,	E. A. McCullum, S.S.	38	....	....	...	....	2	70	1	....	.....	.....	1	58	20 00	325 00	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort,	Mark A. Denman, S.S	65	65	5	1	....	....	95	12	40	.....	.....	1	100	25 00	375 00	Bacon Hill, N Y.
Northumberland,	Mark A. Denman,	70	14	3	8	....	....	122	...	6	... ..	.....	1	80	125 00	1,000 00	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Rensselaer,	Vacant,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saratoga,	E. A. McCullum,	155	5	10	4	....	5	308	5	5	.....	.....	1	220	365 46	5,208 81	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke,	Vacant,	58	16	2	1	....	....	91	2	11	.....	.....	1	103	50 00	1,350 70	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village,	F. L. Scoville,	60	5	5	3	...	7	163	4	8	.....	.....	1	92	125 00	2,002 90	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy, (North)	Henry Evertson Cobb	160	11	5	11	....	3	230	9	4	... ..	... ..	1	210	465 04	3,594 00	West Troy, N Y.
West Troy, (South)	Vacant,	39	....	....	....	....	....	38	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wynantskill,	Ira Van Allen, S. C.	83	1	...	..	....	3	148	1	1	.....	.....	1	72	68 50	1,070 00	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total,	....	1078	148	32	33	....	27	1818	43	84	8	50	11	1469	$ 1,854 19	$20,265 12½	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. A. G. Cochran, Middle Falls, Washington County, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Schemes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Schenectady,	Albert C. Sewall,	312	65	21	16	....	13	477	8	30	.....	.....	3	717	$719	$512	$5,061 70	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	Herbert C. Hinds,	197	38	29	10		4	* 39	8	16	.....	.....	1	329	515	15	3 041 49	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville	Norman F. Nickerson	*133	6	....	12	....	5	277	6	4	.....	200	3	288	233	45	1,040 00	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville,	Robert Doig,	86	9	1	7	....	4	186	3	5	.....	75	3	200	90	.....	1,367 39	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe,	64	2	....	3	....	1	96	6	....	.....	.....	4	200	111	26	600 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam,	Lauren Vanderveer	60	4	....	1	....		89	1	....	....	54	1	95	69	9	626 18	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg,	Henry M. Voorhees,	190	5	22	6	....	2	412	6	....	.....	140	4	240	235	6	1,875 00	Guilderland Centre.
Niskayuna,	C. P. Ditmars, S. C.	115	7	5	1	....	1	231	7	3	114	180	2	215	402	9	2,089 70	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill,	Isaac L. Kip,	56	....	....	....	....	1	110	....	....	.....	133	2	182	72	.....	711 00	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity	James E. Graham, †	65	....	3	....	....	1	*146	....	....	.....	138	1	158	112	50	‡3 274 00	Vischer's Ferry, N.Y.
Princetown,	J. Kelly Rhinehart,	80	7	3	5	....	2	213	5	3	72	70	1	125	400	100	895 28	Gifford, N. Y.
Total	.....	1358	143	84	61	....	34	2476	50	61	186	990	25	2749	$2,958	$772	$20,581 74	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wm P. Davis, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburgh, N. Y.

†Pastor elect. *Revised. ‡Rebuilding Church.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Censs.	Communicants.						Bap-tized		Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Bap.	Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Schemes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Beaver-dam,	Wm. A. Wurts, P. E.	45	1	....	2	....	1	82	....	1	24	.....	1	75	$ 18	.....	$ 335 00	Berne, N. Y.
Berne,	W. A. Wurts, P. E.	58	1	2	3	....	2	82	....	1	24	40	1	75	58	.....	509 56	Berne, N. Y.
Breakabeen,	Philip Phelps, Jr.	32	1	....	2	....	..	37	..	1	.....	.....	1	110	36	$ 1	420 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Central Bridge,	Vacant,	30	....	....	....	....	..	14	....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	4	.....	87 80	Central Bridge, N. Y.
Cobleskill,	Evart J. Blekkink,	40	1	7	....	....	..	33	....	1	.....	28	1	65	3	.....	1,255 00	Cobleskill, N. Y.
Eminence,	Vacant,	....	....	....	....	....	..	7	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallupville,	Vacant,	35	....	....	....	....	4	80	....	....	10	15	1	88	19	.....	278 89	Gallupville, N. Y.
Gilboa,	Peter A. Wessells,	61	5	5	1	....		*120	5	4	13	90	1	102	44	20	752 13	Gilboa, N. Y.
Lawyersville,	Evart J. Blekkink,	47	2	1	....	...		70	....	....	.....	20	1	120	92	133	258 47	Cobleskill, N. Y.
Middleburgh,	D. K. Van Doren, S. C.	95	4	1	1	....		*140	....	3	30	40	1	155	115	33	1,250 00	Middleburgh N. Y.
Moresville,	Peter A. Wessells, S. S.	19	4	....	....	...		26	....	1	.....	.....	....	.....	16	.....	167 96	Gilboa, N. Y.
North Blenheim,	Philip Phelps, Jr.	35	....	....	....	....		45	1	....	.....	.....	1	50	23	.....	243 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Prattsville,	Vacant,	69	....	....	....	....	2	86	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	220 36	Prattsville, N. Y.
Schoharie,	John G. Smart	74	2	2	6	....		127	3	2	.....	60	1	95	185	27	1,262 48	Schoharie, N. Y.
Schoharie Mountain	Vacant,	40	....	....	2	....	2	77	....	....	.... ..	25	1	89	9	.....	185 89	Howe's Cave N. Y.
Sharon,	Vacant,	35	1	....	3	....		90	....	....	.... ..	60	1	75	.....	.....	170 00	Sharon Centre N. Y.
South Gilboa,	Vacant,	21	5	..	....	...		47	3	2	.....	.....	1	50	.....	.....	85 00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
Total,	.....	736	27	18	20	....	20	1163	12	16	101	378	14	1179	$ 622	$ 214	$ 7,481 51	

Other Ministers —Rev. Edward Miller, Lawyersville N. Y.; Rev. Edward Vedder, Schoharie, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Carr, 242 Elm St., Albany, N. Y.; Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. John C. Fagg, Missionary, Amoy, China *Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.		Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Blue Mountain,	Peter Q. Wilson, S.S.	110	1	2	6	3	2	218	17	...	.....	30	3	210	$ 5 00	$1,200 00	Saugerties N. Y.
Caatsban,	Arad J. Sebring,	100	5	....	1	...	1	165	1	....	.....	.....	1	.....	848 00	1,256 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus,	J. Howard Van Doren	90	7	....	6	....	3	174	3	3	.....	.....	2	210	175 00	1,657 00	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush,	Richard DeWitt, P. E.	100	5	....	....	....	4	175	6	....	.....	53	3	280	43 00	985 00	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston,	John G. Van Slyke..	260	6	7	5	1	5	526	10	3	.....	.....	1	350	1,260 00	6,466 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Port Ewen,	B. C. Lippincott, S. C.	100	9	1	2	1	6	*236	14	1	.....	....	1	203	183 00	1,550 00	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekhl,	Solomon T Cole,	140	7	1	5	....	4	255	14	2	.....	.....	3	260	66 00	1,146 00	Cockburn N. Y.
Roxbury,	Wm Schmitz,	63	1	1	6	....	3	67	5	1	.....	.....	1	100	101 00	1,360 00	Roxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties,	Denis Wortman,	220	8	9	5	...	7	338	....	..	.....	65	1	240	975 00	2,850 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken,	Vacant	33	5	....	....	....	....	41	2	4	.....	.....	1	.....	5 00	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan,	Vacant,	86	3	1	6	....	1	143	5	2	.....	100	1	110	43 00	.....	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville,	Rufus M. Stanbrough,	9	1	1	1	....	1	14	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 00	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley,	Rufus M Stanbrough,	66	6	1	3	...	4	112	....	3	.....	.....	1	113	.....	696 00	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock	Edw'd G. Ackerman,	64	14	2	3	....	1	115	4	8	.....	.....	1	125	19 00	750 00	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltroyck,	Wm A. Shaw, S. S.	43	1	....	1	....	1	76	1	....	.....	27	1	175	100 00	550 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Total,	.....	1484	79	26	50	5	43	2655	83	27	.....	275	21	2376	$ 3,823 00	$ 20,569 00	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Calvin Case, Brodhead, N. Y.; Rev. Nathan F. Chapman, Saugerties, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Beekman, Allentown, N. J. *Revised List.

ANNUAL STASISTICAL REPORT OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY FOR 1889.

Classis.	Census.				Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Bap. Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Other Benevolence.	Congregational Purposes.	
Albany	17	17	...	1906	389	74	84	....	48	3309	74	99	.....	622	21	3075	$ 16,142 62	.....	$50,822 20	J. Lansing Pearce.
Cayuga	10	6	....	564	17	8	15	....	15	845	12	8	316	359	10	1113	10,157 17	.....	12,035 99	J. H. Vaughan.
Rochester	14	18	....	1098	150	95	48	10	24	2143	116	20	591	339	13	1548	3,039 72	.....	15,483 34	E. Vander Hart.
Greene	7	8	3	712	22	28	23	0	25	1490	14	7	391	255	14	1263	2,784 76	.....	17 842 82	B. Van Zandt.
Montgomery	22	17	....	1718	184	45	60	....	39	2809	73	97	275	771	31	2739	2 445 00	$ 740 49	35,677 39	Henry M. Cox.
Rensselaer	14	13	....	1198	89	27	32	....	39	2003	41	29	282	341	17	1796	5,627 00	540 00	18,038 00	Edward A. Collier
Saratoga	14	10	....	1078	148	32	33	....	27	1818	43	84	8	50	11	1469	1 901 19	.....	20,365 12	Ira Van Allen.
Schenectady	11	14	...	1358	143	84	61	....	34	2476	50	61	186	990	25	2749	2.956 94	771 31	20,581 74	C. P. Ditmars.
Schoharie	17	11	...	736	27	18	20	....	20	1163	12	16	101	378	14	1179	622 00	213 00	7 481 54	D. K. Van Doren.
Ulster	15	16	...	1484	79	26	50	5	45	2785	83	27	.....	275	21	2283	3,823 00	.....	20,549 00	B. C. Lippencott.
Total	141	130	3	11852	1 38	437	426	15	317	26811	518	448	2150	4380	177	19214	$49,499 40	$2,264 31	$218,877 34	

ARTICLE IX.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Rev. P. T. Pockman spoke in behalf of the Board of Education, and the Rev. John W. Beardslee, D. D., in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions on the evening of the first day. The Rev. James F. Riggs spoke in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions on the morning of the second day.

The Committee on Missions recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod urge upon the Churches under their care, in the line of evangelistic work, to gird themselves afresh and redouble their exertions to bring to every home and heart the glad tidings of great joy.

Resolved, That all pastors and consistories be recommended to take up a yearly collection for the Board of Education.

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions, with the Church building fund be recommended to the increased liberality of the Churches.

Resolved, That at an early date as practicable, a strenuous effort be made through all the Churches, to reduce the debt of the Foreign Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ELBERT NEVINS,
Chairman.

ARTICLE X.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following nominations by the Classis:

They were confirmed.

Classis of Albany.

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman.	Rev. Henry Miller.
George T. Dowling, D.D.	J. A. H. Cornell.
W. H. Tracy.	Lawrence Dykstra.

Elders.	*Elders.*
. B. Van Gasbeck.	Michael Mausert.
eorge W. Van Slyke,	John Baker.
orace S. Bell.	Walter T. Hotaling.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
ev. W. B. Hill,	Rev. F. S. Barnum.
E. Van Slyke, D. D.,	E. N. Sebring.
B. Van Zandt, D. D.	B. B. Staats.

Elders.	*Elders.*
. Lampman,	Ira Saxe.
Atwater Cook,	Peter Day,
ıcob Armstrong.	James Elting.

Classsis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
ev. Albert Dod Minor,	Rev. John A. Thomson,
Joshua R. Kyle,	Philip Furbeck,
John A. DeBaun, D.D.,	Maurice G. Hansen,
Francis V. Van Vranken,	Jas. M. Compton,
Isaac S. Hartley, D. D.,	Harvey D. Leland.
Jonah W. Vaughn.	

Elders.	*Elders.*
homas Cunningham,	Philip S. Wiers,
ɔhn G. McKinley,	Abram Van Horn,
iles H. Mount.	Henry L. Sizer,
ıcob H. Voorhees,	David Getman,
ɔhn Marcellus,	M. M. Bagg, M. D.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
,ev. A. D. Campbell,	Rev. E. A. Collier, D. D.,
John B. Drury, D.D.,	I. S. Schenck,
Theo. S. Brown.	D. B. Wyckoff.

Elders.	*Elders.*
V. J. Masten,	Wm. J. Coons,
'red. Snyder,	Wm. H. Rainey,
ames Ham,	G. Vandenbergh.

Classis of Rochester.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. S. Hoogenboom,	Rev. E. Van de Hart,
P. Wayenberg,	W. G. Baas,
P. De Bruyn,	G. J. Gulick.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Geo. Huff,	Geo. W. Brokaw,
E. J. Schoonmaker,	G. J. Hebink,
J. Van Doorn.	M. Van de Borgh.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers*
Rev. J. L. Southard,	Rev. F. C. Scoville,
Ira Van Allen,	E. A. McCullum,
Henry E. Cobb.	G. I. Taylor.
Elders.	*Elders.*
G. T. H. Knapp,	Andrew Lansing,
J. H. De Ridder,	Henry Viele,
A. T. Van Vranken. M. D.	Samuel Sheldon.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Lauren Vanderveer,	Rev. C. P. Ditmars,
Herbert C. Hinds.	H. M. Voorhees.
J. Kelley Rhinehart.	Robert Doig,
Elders.	*Elders.*
Chas. N. Yates,	John Young,
W. T. L. Sanders,	B. J. Romeyn,
Vischer Lansing.	A. Vandenberg.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. P. Phelps, Jr.,	Rev. John G. Smart,
E. J. Blekkink,	Wm. A. Wurts,
P. A. Wessells.	D. K. Van Doren.
Elders.	*Elders.*
J. Van Wagenen,	J. W. Empie,
P. S. Danforth,	D. O. Berger,
S. R. Campbell.	Wesley Posson.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Denis Wortman, D.D.,	Rev. R. M. Stanborough,
Arad J. Sebring,	J. H. Van Doren,
Soloman T. Cole.	Wm. Schmitz.
Elders.	*Elders.*
John H. Kemble,	Jas. E. Van Aken,
Chris. Fiero,	Jas. E. More,
Nathan Van Aken,	Israel Burger.

ARTICLE XI.

PARTICULARIA.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows: From 9 to 12 A. M.; from 2:30 to 5:30 P. M.; from 7:30 P. M. until such time as Synod may determine.

At the opening of the afternoon session, on the second day, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President presided and read the form; the Rev. F. C. Scoville offered prayer; the Rev. John H. Enders distributed the bread, and the Rev. Philip Furbeck the wine; elders, W. H. Rainey, P. A. Allen, M. D., S. H. Vedder, G. L. Schuyler assisted in distributing the elements.

On the evening of the first day the following question was discussed by Rev.'s J. Wilbur Chapman and Arad J. Sebring, "Obstacles to Evangelization in Christian Lands." Owing to the absence of the leaders of the discussion fixed for the evening of the second day the following programme was appointed. Subject of discussion, "Practical Piety," to be opened by Rev.'s John G. Smart, Ira Van Allen and elder P. S. Danforth.

The first half hour of the second day was spent in devotional exercises under the direction of the Rev. J. Howard Van Doren. The Rev. John W. Beardslee, D. D. having resigned his position as Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Synod passed the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod in accepting the resignation of their Stated Clerk and Treasurer, do so with

great regret, and place upon record their high appreciation of the signal ability and faithfulness with which he has served the Synod.

The Rev. J. W. Appleman of the Methodist Episcopal church of Kinderhook, was invited to sit with the Synod.

The following committee was appointed to fix the time and place of the next meeting: Rev. C. P. Ditmars, D. K. Van Doren, and Elder G. L. Van Allen, M. D. They reported as follows: "An invitation having been received from the Second Reformed Church of Schenectady, we would recommend that our next meeting be held with that Church.

It was accepted and adopted.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 425 copies of the minutes of this session printed and distributed in the usual manner.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of Albany place on record their appreciation of the very valuable services that have been rendered during the past year by Miss Frances C. Paige, of Schenectady, vice-president of the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, and recognize that the very successful work of organizing Woman's Missionary Bands in various Churches of the Synod, has been due to the enthusiastic love of her soul for the Master's work.

The special committee appointed to consider the matter of a Missionary Superintendent is as follows:

Rev.'s Henry M. Cox, Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., Henry M. Voorhees, elders P. S. Danforth and S. B. Griswold.

ARTICLE XII.

RESUMPTON AND CLOSE.

The minutes were read and approved.

All the absentees were excused.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod hereby tender their thanks to the Pastor, the Consistory, the Choir and the families of the Church of Kinderhook for their kindly and thoughtful hospitality.

ARTICLE XIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Second Reformed Church at Schenectady, N. Y., on the first Tuesday in May, 1890, at such hour as the Stated Clerk may determine.

The exercises were closed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

HENRY M. COX, *President,*
ROBERT DOIG, *Vice-Pres't.*

WM. SCHMITZ,
JOHN H. SCARLET, } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy of the Minutes.

C. P. DITMARS, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1889.

1864. Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. " J. A. Lansing, D. D., Fonda.
1866. " Chas. Scott, D. D., 1st Kingston.
1867. " John L. McNair, 2nd Albany.
1868. " Philip Peltz, D. D., Saugerties.
1869. " B. Van Zandt, D. D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. " John A. DeBaun, D. D., W. Troy (North.)
1871. " S. J. Rodgers, Kinderhook.
1872. " R. W. Clark, D. D., Canajoharie.
1873. " J. C. F. Hoes, D. D., Cohoes.
1874. " Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., 1st Kingston.
1875. " Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. " J. B. Thompson, D. D., W. Troy (South.)
1877. " Alex M. Mann, D. D., Farmer Village.
1878. " J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. " Edw. A. Collier, D. D., Chatham Village.
1880. " George J. Van Neste, Fonda.
1881. " John B. Drury, D. D. Saugerties.
1882. " Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. " Evert Van Slyke, D. D., Schoharie.
1884. " Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.
1885. " Andrew J. Hageman, Fort Plain.
1886. " James Demarest, Jr., D. D., Herkimer.
1887. " Henry M. Voorhees, Schoharie.
1888. " John G. Smart, Greenwich.
1889. " Henry M. Cox, Kinderhook.

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OF THE

Particular Synod of Albany

CONVENED IN

REGULAR SESSION

IN THE

Second Reformed Church,

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.,

On the Sixth Day of May, 1890.

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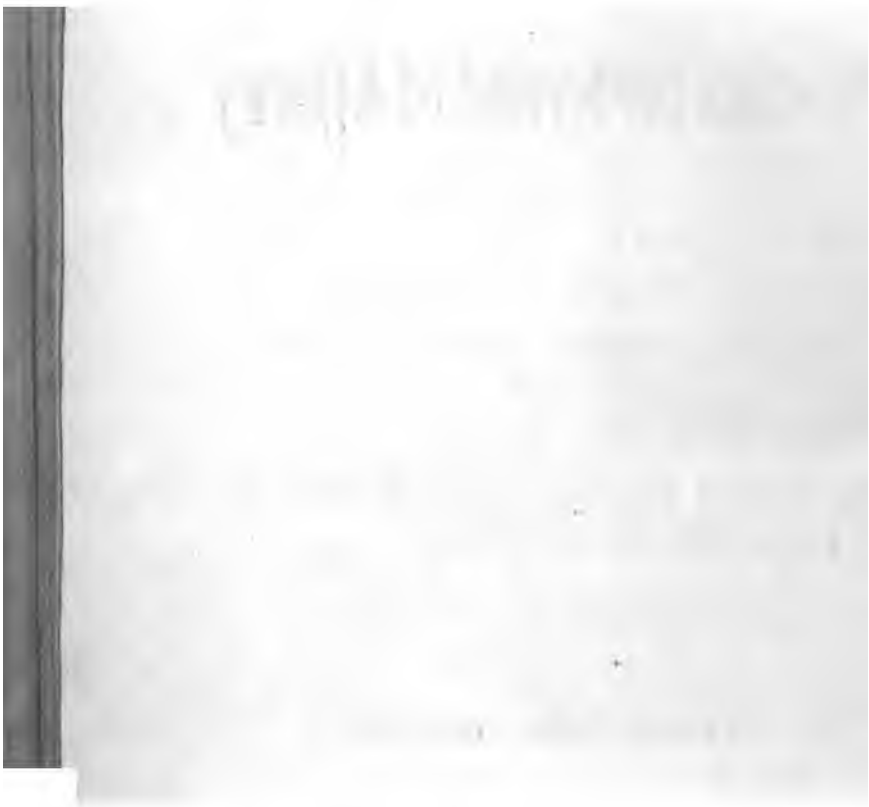

MINUTES.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Particular Synod of Albany met in regular session May 6th, 1890, at 3 P. M. in the Second Reformed Church, at Schenectady, N. Y., and continued in session until 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The Synod was called to order by the President, who preached the opening sermon from Eph. 5 : 22 : "I speak concerning Christ and the Church."

ARTICLE II.

CALLING THE ROLL.

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Albany.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. Walter S. Brown,	A. S. Van Derzee,
" J. Lansing Pearse.	J. S. Van Allen.

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. F. S. Barnum,	W. L. King.
" B. Van Zandt, D. D.,	
" E. Van Slyke, D. D.,	
" J. K. Rhinehart.	

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. John A. De Baun, D.D.,	
" Henry M. Cox,	John Marcellus,
" Albert Dod Minor,	
" Ira Van Allen.	

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On Religious Exercises.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Rev. L. Vanderveer,	J. S. Lansing,
" T. A. Beekman,	Peter Van Vranken.
" A. C. Sewall.	

On Missions.

Rev. Isaac S. Schenck,	P. M. Gillespie,
" B. Van Zandt, D. D.,	J. S. Lansing.
" J. L. Southard.	

On Leave of Absence.

Rev. D. B. Wyckoff,	S. J. Schemerhorn,
" T. A. Beekman,	Alonzo Mull.
" W. S. Brown.	

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Treasurer's accounts and vouchers were read and referred to the Committee on the Treasury.

A Communication from the Board of Foreign Missions announcing the appointment of the Rev. A. R. Thompson, D. D., as its representative; also concerning the combination of the Missionary conferences with the meetings of Particular Synod, was read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication from the Board of Domestic Missions, appointing Rev. Henry M. Cox, as its representative before the Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Overtures from the Classis of Rensselaer, Schoharie, Rochester and Saratoga concerning the work and salary of the Synodical Missionary Superintendent, were read and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication from the Committee on Education of the Presbyterian Synod of the State of New York, concerning the securing of a better moral training in our public schools, was read, and it was

Resolved, That the representatives of the Committee when they shall present themselves on Wednesday morning, shall be given twenty minutes, if needed, to present the matter before the Synod.

ARTICLE VII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of the General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of New York and New Brunswick, were received.

The following delegates were chosen to the Particular Synods:

New York, Rev. J. Lansing Pearse.

New Brunswick, Rev. Herbert C. Hinds.

Chicago, Rev. Ame Vennema.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The following reports were accepted and adopted:

On Overtures.

The committee on Overtures would respectfully report:

Overtures have been placed in our hands from the Classes of Rensselaer, Rochester, Saratoga and Schoharie. Each of them is in regard to the Synodical Missionary Superintendent, and each is favorable to the office, and commendatory of Mr. Enders, who has filled it during the past year. Each of them expresses anxiety as to the method of securing the salary of the office, and Saratoga especially protests against a tax on the Classis. Inasmuch as this matter has already been fully considered by the Synod, as involved in the report of the Special Committeee on Missionary Superintendent, your committee has no further action to recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. De Baun,

Chairman.

On the Treasury.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and found them correct.

The financial statement is as follows:

J. LANSING PEARSE,
Chairman.

1889.	Dr.		
May	7.	Balance on hand	$ 88 07
"	15.	Cash from the Classis of Schenectady	14 00
"	23.	" " " " " Albany	24 00
"	23.	" " " " " Rensselaer	18 00
"	28.	" " " " " Rochester	9 00
"	29.	" " " " " Saratoga	14 00
Sept.	4.	" " " " " Greene	12 00
"	19.	" " " " " Montgomery	20 00
Oct.	3.	" " " " " Ulster	18 00
"	4.	" " " " " Schoharie	8 00
Dec.	19.	" " " late " " Cayuga	9 00
		Total	$234 07

1889.	Cr.		
May	7.	Paid Sexton at Kinderhook	$ 5 00
"	7.	" Salary of Stated Clerk	50 00
"	7.	" Allowance of Stated Clerk	6 00
"	27.	" The Schenectady UNION on account	25 00
June	5.	" " " " in full for printing	50 00
Sept.	19.	" H. M. Cox, Committee expenses	8 56
			$144 56
1890. May 1.		Balance to new account	$ 89 51

On Necrology.

The Committee on Necrology would respectfully report:

On the 29th of April, 1889, and therefore before the meeting of this Synod last year, but then as yet unknown to your Committee, the

Rev. Evert Van Der Hart died very suddenly at his home in Rochester. He had preached twice the day before with his wonted earnestness and vigor, in the morning to his own people, and in the evening at the North Presbyterian Church, in exchange with its pastor. Mr. Van Der Hart was graduated from Hope College in 1869, and three years later from the Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church.

He was immediately settled over the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven, where he remained eight years, and where he was so reluctantly surrendered to another field that during the year preceding his decease, the same Church sent him an urgent call to become its pastor again. After another interval of eight years in which he served three different Presbyterian Churches in Michigan, he came to Rochester in April, 1887, to become the first pastor of the then recently organized Second Reformed Church. He had already erected three Churches in as many pastorates, and a part of his first work in Rochester was to look after the building of a Church for his infant organization. Happily, he lived to see it completed, and the writer of this had the pleasure of being with him and his enthusiastic people at its dedication in the December preceding his death and of witnessing his calm but exulting satisfaction, and the joy of the congregation which then entered their new home with thanksgiving. A pastor in another communion says of him: "In this city his brief career has been a shining example of unfaltering Christian courage, of tireless industry, of lofty consecration. He was deservedly a favorite wherever known, and equally so whether among the younger people or the older. He won all hearts within his Church and many without, and he was highly esteemed and greatly beloved by all his brother ministers. He was a born leader, and his was the true leadership of drawing people, not of driving them. All observant minds recognized these elements of his manly and symetrical personality, a sweet and genial temperament, clean moral consciousness, sound judgment, firm purpose, remarkable tact and energy. He was not simply a man of refined instincts and a good business man, he was much more. As a sympathetic and helpful pastor he had not many equals, and as a preacher he was at once Scriptural, scholarly, thoughtful, spiritual and deeply impressive."

His life-long friend, the Rev. Peter De Bruyn, said in his loving memorial tribute: "He has died as he wanted to die, in the harness. His sun has gone down at high noon, too soon, we say; but it was God's set time to give His beloved sleep after a comparatively short but weary day."

The Rev. Wilson Ingalls, died at Kinderhook, October 11th, 1889. He was born in Andover, Mass., in 1809. He was graduated from Philip's Academy, in 1832, and from Union College, in 1836. He pursued his theological studies at Andover Seminary, and completed them under President Nott, at Schenectady. He was pastor of the First Reformed Church of Glenville from 1840 to 1851; supplied the First Church of Amsterdam from 1851 to 1853; was pastor at Owasco from 1853 to 1864, and after a retirement of three years, during which he was by no means idle, completed his pastoral service at Blooming Grove, from 1867 to 1877. Then, somewhat advanced in years, and infirm in health, he removed to Kinderhook, where he continued to reside until his death. At Glenville and Owasco, during his ministry, large numbers were ingathered as part of the fruit of precious revivals. To him the Church of Blooming Grove is largely indebted for the edifice erected during his pastorate. In every charge, he left many who cherished his memory with sincere affection. His twelve years residence at Kinderhook won him many new friends. The pastor there from whose tribute these facts are gathered, testifies: "His gentleness, modesty, courtesy, cheerfulness and charity, together with his devout walk and conversation, won deserved respect and affection and cause his loss to be keenly felt."

The Rev. Elbert Nevius Sebring, died October 12th, 1889, at his home in Leeds, N. Y.. He was born at Lodi, N. Y., was graduated from Rutgers College in 1862, and from the Theological Seminary in New Brunswick in 1865. Mr. Sebring's spare frame and delicate face gave evidence of the inherited physical weakness which he had to endure, but with a marked spirit of courage his ministry had been almost continuous for nearly twenty-five years. "In his five fields of Christian service at West Ghent, Fairfield, Prattsville, Middleburgh and Leeds, he was ever found faithful to the sacred trusts committed to his hands by the great head of the Church. As a friend he was true, kind, reliable and considerate of the weakness of others, yet without compromising wrong. In family relations he was most tender and devoted. In his pastoral work, whether in the pulpit or more private and social duties,

he spoke the truth in love and faithfulness. He made warm friends, but would not sacrifice the word of God, or the welfare of the Church of Christ, to gratify human prejudices and perversities, and hence he was reasonably blessed in his labor of love in the salvation of souls and the edification of the body of Christ. The staple of his preaching was the pure gospel of Christ, free from prevalent human vagaries. His sermons were instructive and often very impressive and always spiritually quickening without an effort at oratorical display, and so he always was favored with interested hearers." His last sickness lasted about three weeks, not at first known to be alarming, and his death was a surprise to most of his friends and brethern. But it was the Master's call to come home and we do not doubt that the welcome was: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Brethern, who next ? Year by year there is a death roll in this Synod, with names of the dearly beloved who have been our fellow-workers. On that roll our names will surely be. Who shall not think, "*Mine* on the very next!" The Lord help us to make full proof of our ministry, and then Himself pronounce over us the blessing for them that die in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. De Baun.

On Synodical Superintendent.

The Special Committee to which was referred the matter of the appointment of a Missionary Superintendent for the Particular Synod of Albany, together with the supervision of the interests of our weak and vacant churches, would respectfully report that after a careful deliberation upon the question submitted to it in all its phases, it was deemed best to proceed as soon as practicable to the work entrusted by the Synod to its oversight and care.

A Missionary Superintendent, the Rev. J. Henry Enders, of Albany, was accordingly appointed and has been diligently engaged in the prosecution of his work since July 1, 1889.

The question of a financial support for the Superintendent, which had agitated the Synod to some extent at the time of the appointment of the committee, was carefully considered.

It was unofficially ascertained that no assistance in this matter could be expected for the present, at least, from the Board of Domestic Missions. In view, however, of the unanimous sentiment of the Synod as to the importance of the work, the interest that was manifested in it and the promises of support that were received by the Committee, from various influential quarters of the Synod, as also of the fact that the Superintendent who had been invited to this service had expressed himself as willing to undertake it without requiring of the Synod, or of the Committee, any other financial guaranty than their expressed determination to use their best endeavors to provide an adequate support, which it was expected would amount to $1200.00 per year.

Your Committee felt warranted in proceeding at once with the work, which was done.

Each Classis has been asked to bear a share of the expense incurred, and to contribute a sum suggested by the Committee as a fair apportionment for this work.

With the exception of Ulster, Rochester and Saratoga, the Classes have all accepted their apportionments, and a considerable part of the Superintendent's salary has been already paid, as shown by the accompanying financial statement.

The Classes referred to as not having accepted their apportionments are not to be understood, however, as being at all indifferent to the work. On the contrary, all have endorsed it strongly, but as being unprepared, at present, to co-operate in it in the way suggested by the Committee.

It should be stated also that contributions in its behalf have been made or promised by individual Churches in all of these Classes.

For a resume of the actual results thus far accomplished the Synod is referred to the report of the Synodical Superintendent, herewith submitted.

Up to this date the work inaugurated by your Committee has been generally regarded as purely experimental and tentative. It is recommended that action be taken by this Synod with the view of putting it upon a permanent basis.

As the outcome of the experience gained during the past year and in order to the highest efficiency of this important service the following resolutions are submitted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be respectfully urged, in accordance with the authority given it by General Synod [see p 598, Minutes of Gen. Synod 1888] to assume hereafter the responsibility for the further prosecution of this work.

2. *Resolved*, That with the view of bringing the matter more directly and forcibly to the attention of the Board, than is possible in any other way, a Committee be appointed to appear before them (in person) at the earliest practicable day and urge a prompt recognition of the claims of the Synod in this regard. The Committee appointed were Rev's. Denis Wortman, D.D., and Henry M. Cox.

3. *Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of five be appointed to co-operate with the Board in case it shall be willing to undertake this work, in whatever way may be deemed most practicable to it and to the Board. The Standing Committee appointed for the year were Rev's. Henry M. Cox. E. A. Collier, D. D., J. G. Van Slyke, D. D., and Elders P. S. Danforth and S. B. Griswold.

4. *Resolved*, That in the event of any delay or unwillingness on the part of the Board of Domestic Missions to comply with the urgent request herewith preferred by the Particular Synod of Albany, the Committee above named, be authorized in the name of the Synod, to proceed with the work already inaugurated and now in successful operation, and that such Committee be clothed with full power to carry it forward in whatever way may commend itself to its best judgment in view of all the circumstances.

5. *Resolved*, That the amount required for the support of this department of Home Mission work be regarded as a preferred claim by all our Classes and that if the sum apportioned to the Churches for this purpose, (not at all as a tax but simply by way of suggestion) cannot be procured in any other way, they be authorized and requested by this Synod to appropriate so much of their offerings for Domestic Missions as may be necessary in order to meet their apportionment.

6. *Resolved*, That in view of the eminently successful service rendered by Brother Enders during the past year and in view of the committal of his support to the Board of Domestic Missions, this Synod earnestly represent to the Churches, that they feel the obligation imposed upon them not to diminish their quotas for the support of Domestic Missions, but regard the employment of a Missionary within our own bounds as imposing an additional and a most worthy claim upon them, for increasing the support that they shall give in the coming year to the Board.

7. *Resolved*, That those Churches and Classes that have not paid their apportionments in full be urged to give immediate attention to this matter.

8. *Resolved*, That the General Synod be overtured by this body to urge action on the part of the Board of Domestic Missions as requested by the above resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. COX,
Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JULY 1, 1889 TO MAY 1, 1890.

Classis	*Apportionment.*	*Amount Paid.*
Albany	$240	$152
Greene	120	94 92
Montgomery	290	295
Rensselaer	180	108 40
Rochester	90	
Saratoga	140	44 45
Schenectady	140	89
Schoharie	80	46 80
Ulster	180	
Total receipts to date from Classes		$830 57
Total receipts from collections by Sup't		220 48
		$1,051 05
Paid on account of salary of Sup't		900 41
Paid travelling and other expenses of Supt.		140 64
Paid incidential expenses of Committee		10 00
		$1,051 05

NOTE—The Several Classes in their payments are in full sympathy with the work and expect to materially increase the amounts accredited them by the end of the year July 1st, 1890.

Statistical Report of the work of the Missionary Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Enders, from July 1, 1889, to May 1, 1890.

Sermons and addresses		181
Bible Classes taught		15
Pastoral calls made		842
Classical meetings attended		7
Consistorial meetings attended		23
Meetings of Special Committee of P. S. A. attended		3
Letters written		492
P. O. cards written		105
Miles traveled in conducting the work		6420
Collections made in field	$220 48	
Expenses on field	140 64	
Cash balance in hand	$ 79 84	

On Missions.

The Committee on Missions would report as follows:

The following papers have been put in our hands:

A letter from the Board of Foreign Missions, signifying the appointment of Rev. A. R. Thompson, D. D., as its representative, and expressing an earnest desire that he be given abundant time to present the cause before the Synod.

Resolved, That Dr. Thompson, be received and heard on Wednesday afternoon immediately after the Communion.

A letter signifying the appointment of Rev. H. M. Cox to represent the Board of Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That Mr. Cox be received and given a hearing on Wednesday evening after the regular order.

A communication has came to our hands containing an extract from a paper read before the Missionary conference of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, urging the combination of the Missionary conferences with the meetings of the Particular Synods.

Resolved, That after due deliberation of this matter we do not at present see our way clear for the holding of the Missionary conference and the Particular Synod at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC S. SCHENCK,

Chairman.

On Classical Minutes.

The Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report, that there have been placed in their hands the Minutes of the Classes of Albany, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schenectady and Ulster.

The minutes of the Classis of Rochester were not presented. All the minutes have been carefully read over, and your Committee find them carefully and orderly kept and free from any errors requiring to be spread upon the minutes of Particular Synod.

F. S. BARNUM,
Chairman.

On Synodical Minutes.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that there have been placed in its hands, the minutes of the General Synod and the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York and New Brunswick. An examination of these minutes presents a single particular to which your Committee would call the notice of this Synod. On page 874 of the Minutes of General Synod, the Synod's Committee report a very incomplete compliance by the Classis of Albany, with the direction of Synod to enter contributions for "Schemes of the Church" in a separate column. On reference to the minutes we find that four Classes have failed in this compliance. We recommend that the Stated Clerk of this Synod be empowered to provide, if not already provided, and send blanks to the Stated Clerk of each of the Classes within its bounds at the expense of this Synod, and that the Classes be requested to render the returns of their contributions in conformity with the direction of General Synod.

WILLIAM A. SHAW,
Chairman.

On Religious Services.

The Committee on Religious Services would report the following arrangements for the evening sessions of the Synod of 1891:

On the evening of the first day the subject shall be "The Latent Energy of the Church." The discussion to be opened with two twenty minute addresses; the

first by the Rev. F. S. Haines, or his secundus, Rev. A. Vennema; the second, by the Rev. Geo. T. Dowling, D. D., or his secundus Rev. John G. Van Slyke, D. D.

The second evening shall be devoted to the consideration of the general subject: "The Interests of the Boards of the Church;" addresses thereon to be made by representatives sent by the respective Boards. One hour and a half to be equally divided between the Boards actually represented, shall be devoted to the hearing of these addresses.

Respectfully submitted.

LAUREN VANDERVEER,
Chairman.

On Synodical Report.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches comprising the Particular Synod of Albany, respectfully reports that the usual narratives, records of ministerial changes and statistical tables of the several Classes have been received and examined.

The Classis of Albany reports a year of more than the average prosperity and notes a decided advance in the matter of contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, together with an increase in the number of families, the number of Church members and the total enrollment of the Sunday schools.

The Classis of Greene is encouraged by the marked development of spiritual activity on the part of the young in connection with the work of the Sunday Schools and of the Christian Endeavor Societies. All the Churches have been strengthened by accessions to the roll of membership and one in particular, the Church of Catskill, has been visited with an unusual outpouring of the Spirit of God. The amount contributed to religious and benevolent purposes is somewhat smaller than last year.

The Classis of Montgomery enlarged by the addition to it of the Churches comprising the former Classis of Cayuga, reports for the first time since its consolidation with that body. Its vacant Churches have for the most part been supplied with faithful pastors and the outlook, particularly on the Western frontier, is

highly encouraging. *Syracuse* is making steady progress under the leadership of its new pastor, and *Utica*, though presenting in some respects a somewhat meagre showing for the current year, is in a fair way to regain its former strength.

The labors of the Synodical Missionary Superintendent have been abundant and fruitful and are gratefully recognized in the Classical report.

In the matter of benevolences there has been an *apparent* decline in the contributions of the Classis as compared with the combined offerings of Cayuga and Montgomery for last year, amounting to upwards of $5,000. As a matter of fact, however, the gifts of the *Churches* are more than $700 in advance of the amount contributed in 1889.

The discrepancy is accounted for by the unusual sum credited to the Church of Utica last year, the greater part of which is understood to have been given by private individuals of that congregation towards the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building.

The Classis of Rensselaer. Attention is called to the fact that of the fourteen Churches of this Classis only seven have pastors, while six are served by Stated Supplies, and one is vacant. An unusual religious interest has prevailed in several of the Churches, practical evidence of which appears in the numbers reported as having been received by them on confession and certificate.

Leaving out of view the fact of a special gift of $2,000 from a single individual last year, the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have somewhat increased, notwithstanding the fact that the offerings of several of the Churches, particularly of those without pastors, or of such as have been engaged in special revival work, are somewhat below the usual standard.

The Classis of Rochester sends only a statistical table. From this it appears that every Church is provided with a pastor. Perhaps as a natural result, at all events as a matter of fact, gains have been made over last year, as follows: In the number of families, 61; in the number of Church members, 78; in the total Sunday school enrollment, 155; in the contributions

for religious and benevolent purposes, $333.61; in the amount raised for congregational purposes, $1,411.66.

The Classis of Saratoga rejoices in an unusual spiritual quickening in several of its Churches, and reports the largest gains in membership of any of the Classes. The year has been a depressing one, financially, but notwithstanding the fact the benevolences of the Churches have increased somewhat and the contributions for congregational purposes are a trifle in advance of last year.

The Classis of Schenectady records its gratitude for the goodness and mercy that have been vouchsafed through all the year. A slight falling off in the number of families, the number of members, and in the total enrollment of Sabbath school scholars and a decline in the contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes is reported. The apparently retrograde movement revealed by the statistical tables is accounted for by the unusual prevalence of inclement weather and disease, together with the depression of trade, and occasions neither surprise nor discouragement. A net increase in total membership of 82, is noted in the narrative on the state of religion. The figures do not justify, however, we regret to say ,the report of gain under this head but indicate an apparent loss since last year. This is due in part at least to the revision of the roll of membership of two of the larger Churches of the Classis.

The Classis of Schoharie reports a general hopefulness on the part of the Churches, and increased activity in Church work.

Christian Endeavor Societies are making their influence felt among the young, and the Missionary spirit is evidently growing, largely as a result of the organization of Ladies' Auxiliaries Societies. A gain is reported over last year in the number added to the Churches, and in the total enrollment of the Sunday Schools, and a slight improvement has been made in the matter of contributions for benevolent purposes. The total membership appears to be a trifle smaller than in 1889, owing to a revision of the rolls.

The Classis of Ulster laments the small number of conversions that have occurred although the figures indicate an advance in this regard over the previous year.

Mention is made of a general and hearty interest in Sunday School work and of the good that is being accomplished in a number of the Churches through the agency of Christian Endeavor Societies.

An increase of benevolence is also noted, and attention is called to the encouraging fact that there has been a steady improvement along this line for several years past.

It would thus appear from the general tone of the reports on the state of religion that a hopeful and encouraging condition of affairs prevails throughout our borders.

The year has been one of progress if not of marvelous growth. The widespread prevalence of disease, and at a time when most of the Churches are accustomed to put forth unusual exertions in the direction of evangelistic effort, has undoubtedly interfered to some extent with the work of ingathering. But as an offset to this it is gratifying to record the unwonted interest in things spiritual that has been manifested, particularly in the Classes of Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Greene, all of which report large accessions to their membership rolls.

Albany and Rochester have also increased in numbers. In Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster and Montgomery, the figures are somewhat smaller, though not greatly different from those of last year. The most noticeable decline appears in the statistics of the Classis of Montgomery, in which, also, it should be stated nine Churches, chiefly in the former Classis of Cayuga, have revised their rolls. Thus it happens that the net gain of 53, which would otherwise have been reported is wiped out, and the Classis appears to have retrograded when in reality it has advanced. The same is true, although not to so great an extent in the other Classes named.

A hopeful feature of the work of the year, as indicated by the reports, has been the increased attendance upon the Sabbath Schools, and a general revival of religious interest among the young.

Six of the Classes have increased their contributions for benevolent purposes. Two—Schenectady and Greene—have allowed their offerings to fall somewhat

below the standard of last year. Rensselaer has found no one this year to match the generous donor whose special gift of $2,000 increased to an abnormal degree the sum total of its benevolences for 1889. Waiving this, however, it reports a slight advance under this head.

The most noticeable decline of the year, in fact the only one that has any special significance, is in the amount contributed for congregational purposes, which falls short of the sum reported a year ago by more than $32,000. This may mean simply that some Churches or parsonages were so thoroughly repaired last year, that there has been no recent call for unusual expenditure for such purposes. Chiefly vacant Churches have been economizing in the matter of pastor's salaries, so long, that the fact begins to appear conspicuous in the statistical columns. But more probably the decline is accounted for by the financial depression referred to as existing in many quarters of the Church. On the other hand gains have been made in the following particulars:

In the number received on confession, 33; in the number received on certificate, 10; in the total number of members, 10; in the total number of Sunday schools, 6; in the total enrollment of Sunday schools, 268; in the amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes, after deducting $6,500 understood to have been erroneously reported last year, about $600, and after allowing for special gift of $2,000 from an individual last year, $2,600.

It is also a noteworthy and encouraging circumstance that a large proportion of the weaker Churches that were vacant a year ago, or have since become so, are now supplied with pastors. Of the 25 that were at that time, reported as being vacant, 21 at least, were of the feebler sort. The total number this year is 23, of which 8 at least, are either strong, or well able to take care of themselves, leaving only 15 instead of 21 feeble organizations within the bounds of the Synod, that need especial oversight, a fact that would seem to indicate that the Synod has made no mistake in providing for the systematic superintendence of its weak and vacant congregations.

In view of the peculiarly adverse circumstances under which many of the Churches have been obliged to labor during the greater part of the year, there is every reason for encouragement both in the statistical and verbal reports that have come to us from every quarter of the field.

In conclusion, your Committee would call attention to the recommendation made in the last annual report on the state of religion, regarding the importance of greater accuracy in compiling the statistical tables.

The following resolutions are also recommended for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks of the Classes belonging to this Synod, be, and hereby are, authorized and requested to correct, so far as practicable, all obvious errors that may be discovered in the Consistorial reports that pass under their supervision.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod no moneys should be reported as having been contributed by any *Church*, for benevolent purposes, that are simply known to have been given by individuals of that Church privately, for miscellaneous charities with which the Church itself is not identified.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod be memorialized to take action in accord with the above recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. COX,

Chairman.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Classis of Albany.

Received.

Rev. William J. Duiker from the Classis of New Brunswick, July 18, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. Charles W. Kinney over the Church of Westerlo, June 16, 1889.

Rev. William J. Duiker over Holland Church of Albany, July 18, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. J. W. Chapman and the First Church of Albany, Jan. 27, 1890.

Between Rev. W. H. Tracy and the Third Church of Albany, April 15, 1890.

Dismissed.

Rev. J. W. Chapman to Presbytery of Philadelphia Jan. 27, 1890.

Classis of Greene.

Received.

Rev. J. K. Rhinehart from the Classis of Schenectady, Sept. 17, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. J. K. Rhinehart over the Church of Kiskatom, Sept. 17, 1890.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. B. B. Staats and the First Church of Coxsakie, April 15, 1890.

Between Rev. W. Bancroft Hill and the Church of Athens, April 15, 1890.

Dismissed.

Rev. Bergen B. Staats to the Classis of Schenectady, April 15, 1890.

Rev. W. Bancroft Hill to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, April 15, 1890.

Died.

Rev. E. N. Sebring, of Leeds.

Classis of Montgomery.

Received.

Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford from the Clsssis of New Brunswick, Sept. 17, 1889.

Rev. Geo. Z. Collier from the Classis of Rensselaer, April 15, 1890.

Rev. Frederick E. Schlieder from the South Classis of Long Island, April 15, 1890.

Rev. Oren Root from the Presbytery of Utica, April 15, 1890.

Rev. Ira Van Allen from the Classis of Saratoga, April 15, 1890.

Installed.

Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford over the Church of Syracuse, Sept. 17, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Isaac S. Hartley and the Church of Utica, Sept. 17, 1889.

Between Rev. Julius J. Keerl and the Church of West Leyden, Nov. 4, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. J. J. Keerl to the German Evangelical Synod of Augsburg, Nov. 4, 1889.

Rev. Jonah W. Vaughen to the Classis of Hudson, Nov. 4, 1889.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley to the Protestant Episcopal Church of New York, April 15, 1890.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Received.

Rev. Minor Swick from the Presbytery of Steuben, Oct. 1, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. George Z. Collier, and the Church of Stuyvesant. Nov. 3, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. Alan D. Campbell to the Classis of New Brunswick, Oct. 1, 1889.

Rev. Geo. Z. Collier to the Classis of Montgomery, March 10, 1890.

Died.

Rev. Wilson Ingalls at Kinderhook, Oct. 11, 1889.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER.

Received.

Rev. Ame Vennema from the Classis of Michigan, Oct. 15, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. Ame Vennema over the Second Church of Rochester.

Died.

Rev. Evert Van Der Hart, May, 1889. I am unable to give the date but about May 10, 1889.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

Received.

Rev. Malcolm R. Gordon from the Presbytery of Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 4, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. Malcolm R. Gordon over the Church of Schaghticoke, Dec. 3, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Ira Van Allen and the Church of Wynantskill, Nov. 18, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. Ira Van Allen to the Classis of Montgomery, Nov. 18, 1889.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

Received.

Rev. P. A. Wessels from the Classis of Schoharie, Nov. 12, 1889.

Rev. B. B. Staats from the Classis of Greene, April 15, 1890.

Installed.

Rev. Jas. E. Graham over the Church of Amity, May 15, 1889.

Rev. P. A. Wessels over the Church of Princetown, Dec. 11, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. J. K. Rhinehart and the Church of Princetown, May 27th, 1889.

Between Rev H. M. Voorhees and the Church of Helderberg, Nov. 12, 1889.

Between Rev. L. Vanderveer and the Second Church of Rotterdam, Feb. 24, 1890.

Between Rev. John C. Lowe and the First Church of Rotterdam, April 15, 1890.

Dismissed.

Rev. J. K. Rhinehart to the Classis of Greene, May 27th, 1889.

Rev. H. M. Voorhees to the Classis of Raritan, March 24, 1890.

Rev. John C. Lowe to the South Classis of Long Island, April 15, 1890.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

Received.

Philip T. Phelps (licentiate) from the Classis of Albany, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1889.

Rev. F. W. Ruhl from the Presbytery of Albany, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1889.

Rev. T. A. Beekman from the Classis of Passaic, N. Y., Oct. 24, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. F. W. Ruhl over the Church of Prattsville, Oct, 1, 1889.

Rev. Philip T. Phelps, ordained and installed over Church of Sharon, Oct. 9, 1889.

Rev. T. A. Beekman over the Churches of Schoharie Mountain and Central Bridge, Oct. 24, 1889.

Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. P. A. Wessells and the Church of Gilboa, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1889.

Dismissed.

Rev. P. A. Wessells to Classis of Schenectady, Oct. 1, 1889.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

Received.

Rev. Richard De Witt from the Classis of Orange, Oct. 1, 1889.

Rev. Irving P. Emerick from the Classis of Hudson, Oct. 1, 1889.

Installed.

Rev. Richard De Witt over the Church of Flatbush, the third Tuesday in May, 1889.

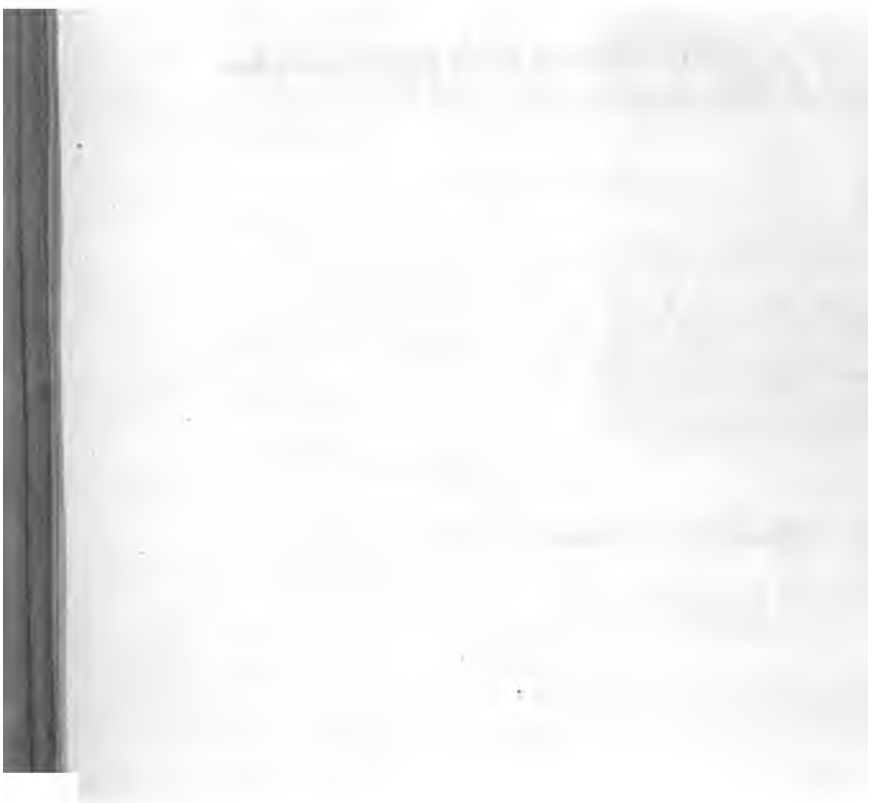
Pastoral relations dissolved.

Between Rev. Wm. Schmitz and the Church of Roxbury, Feb. 19, 1890.

Dismissed.

Rev. Wm. Schmitz to the Presbytery of West Jersey, Feb. 19, 1890.

Rev. Edward G. Ackerman to the Classis of Hudson, April 8, 1890.



CLASSIS OF ALBANY, N. Y., FOR 1890.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Albany	Vacant	418	23	10	15	0	11	782	13	7	....	....	1	401	$5,532 00	....	$ 7,871 00	Albany, N. Y.
Madison Avenue	Geo. T. Dowling	305	8	40	11	0	10	481	7	5	....	....	2	529	8,667 45	....	12,197 64	Albany, N. Y.
Third Albany	W. H. Tracy	189	12	1	10	1	2	193	4	5	....	....	1	267	140 00	....	4,187 62	Albany, N. Y.
Fourth Albany	Henry Miller	60	13	0	1	0	3	150	11	1	....	29	1	143	151 26	....	3,011 44	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany	W. J. Dulker	76	9	3	3	0	0	157	6	0	....	70	1	150	375 00	....	1,350 00	Albany, N. Y.
First Bethlehem	Lawrence Dykstra	157	5	2	2	0	1	204	9	2	....	....	5	400	461 87	....	1,460 35	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem	J. Lansing Pearse, S.C.	100	8	3	2	0	3	255	8	1	....	100	1	200	200 00	....	1,200 00	Delmar, N. Y
Second Berne	Andrew Parsons	40	0	2	0	0	1	78	1	0	....	15	1	90	22 75	....	312 46	Knox, N. Y.
Knox	Andrew Parsons	25	20	3	1	0	1	61	0	9	....	21	1	85	61 50	....	395 80	Knox, N. Y.
Clarksville	Walter S. Brown	52	0	1	4	2	0	80	0	0	....	25	1	134	109 84	....	548 00	Clarksville, N. Y.
Coeymans	Horace P. Craig	100	7	6	3	0	2	102	4	0	....	114	1	114	350 15	....	1,098 17	Coeymans, N. Y.
Onesquethaw	Walter S. Brown	40	0	0	1	0	2	57	3	0	22	10	1	72	11 94	....	448 50	Clarksville, N. Y.
Jerusalem	John H. Scarlet	83	5	2	0	0	3	189	3	2	....	....	1	120	125 42	....	1,082 35	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Salem	Geo. Macardle, S. S.	108	0	1	5	0	2	175	0	0	59	180	1	220	10 00	....	1,010 00	New Salem, N. Y.
Union	John H. Scarlet, S. S.	48	1	0	4	0	0	52	1	0	....	....	1	60	15 85	....	612 00	Jerusalem, N. Y.
New Baltimore	A. M. Arcularius	103	1	0	0	0	0	174	8	0	....	....	1	128	391 77	....	1,411 70	New Baltimore, N. Y.
Westerlo	Chas. W. Kinney	43	2	1	0	0	2	76	0	0	....	....	1	62	57 27	....	551 02	Westerlo, N. Y.
Total		1947	114	75	62	3	43	3356	78	32	81	564	22	3175	$16,774 07	....	$34,748 05	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Enders, Syndical Supt. P. S. A., Albany, N. Y.; Rev. H. Slauson, Whitehall, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF GREENE, N. Y., FOR 1890.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Athens	Vacant	115	3	1	4	..	2	207	....	3	....	....	1	243	$ 503	.....	$1,767	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	Vacant	.....	....	....	....	..	1	12	....	....	....	....	1	50	.....	.....	250	Leeds, N. Y.
First Catskill	Evert Van Slyke, D.D.	198	106	4	3	1	3	575	9	40	239	185	3	300	1,173	.....	3,275	Catskill, N. Y.
First Coxsackie	Vacant	100	8	4	....	..	6	194	....	4	51	100	2	179	233	.....	1,232	West Coxsackie, N. Y.
Second Coxsackie	F. S. Barnum	140	13	5	....	..	6	280	9	2	50	..	2	213	937	.....	2,716	Coxsackie, N. Y.
Kiskatom	J. K. Rhinehart	85	6	6	....	..	5	236	3	2	63	80	3	140	80	.....	1,035	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Leeds	Vacant	70	1	1	....	..	....	80	....	1	....	....	3	100	55	.....	580	Leeds, N. Y.
Total		708	157	21	11	1	23	1594	21	52	403	365	15	1225	$2,984	.....	$16,875	

Other Ministers.—Rev. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Catskill, N. Y.; Sanford W. Roe, D.D., Canoga, Seneca County, N. Y.

Candidates.—Edward O. Chickering, Henry C. Cusler.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY, N. Y., FOR 1890.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Amsterdam	Joshua R. Kyle	95	3	5	3	..	2	168	6	....	125	120	1	167	$287	$83	$2,448 80	Amsterdam, N. Y.
Auriesville	J. Campbell Boyd, S.S.	42	....	....	1	..	1	62	....	....	....	....	1	86	25	13	341 37	
Canajoharie	Francis S. Haines	*170	14	11	10	..	3	*301	14	11	....	....	2	185	197	58	3,666 72	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Canastota	Vacant,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Chittenango	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Cicero	Elmer E. Smith, S. S.	43	3	....	2	..	1	*25	....	2	18	....	1	61	....	....	511 00	
Columbia	James M. Compton	65	.	.	1	..	2	71	.	...	5	....	2	74	2	.....	745 00	South Columbia, N. Y.
Cranesville	Joshua R. Kyle, S. S.	27	3	2	1	..	1	32	3	1	10	....	1	40	8	.....	284 00	
Currytown	Henry H. Sangree	29	5		2	..	...	67		1		....		50	112	66	768 16	Currytown, N. Y.
Ephratah	Vacant	70			...	..	...	130	.	...		....	1	108	.....	.....	.....	
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	70	.		4		7	105	1	...		....	2	135	75	15	1,100 00	Minaville, N. Y.
Fonda	John A. De Baun	214	8		6		3	429	6	1		100	4	400	628	207	3,594 00	Fonda, N. Y.
Fort Herkimer	Albert Dod Minor	13					1	15		1		....	2	75	4	.....	8 75	
Fort Plain	James Demarest,	145	12	2	5		4	231	5	4		60	1	182	217	155	7,567 10	Fort Plain, N. Y.
Fultonville	F. V. Van Vranken	120	5	3	3		2	141	6	2		100	1	193	336	95	1,911 41	Fultonville, N. Y.
Glen	J. B. Thyne, S. S.	56			3		6	90	1	...		50	2	200	131	25	804 00	Glen, N. Y.
Hagaman's Mills	Maurice G. Hansen	82	3	6	9		3	*154		...		....		172	50	.....	1,519 87	Hagaman's Mills, N. Y.
Henderson	Vacant	13	....				...	16		...		....	1	25	.....	.....	.....	
Herkimer	Henry M. Cox, S. C.	125	11	3	2		3	213	9	5	100	100	3	230	397	87	2,118 08	Herkimer, N. Y.
Manheim	Vacant	25	5				1	45	4	1	....	....	2	26	.....	.....	.....	
Mapletown	Henry H. Sangree.	20	....	1	4		1	29		...	15	....		55	26	.....	300 00	

*Revised.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY, N. Y., FOR 1890. (CONTINUED.)

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Mohawk	Albert Dod Minor	79	5	2	1	..	2	115	4	5	....		2	170	93	$25	†$1,500 00	Mohawk, N. Y.
Naumberg	Vacant	12	..	..	..	..	2	*32	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	4	63 00	Naumberg, N. Y.
New Bremen	Vacant	....	..	..	..	..	1	*17	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	28	....	New Bremen, N. Y.
Owasco	Ira Van Allen, P. E	85	2	3	2	..	3	111	....	2	..	....	2	124	....	....	940 00	Owasco, N. Y.
Owasco Outlet	Vacant	24	..	....	..	..	..	36	....	....	..	....	2	80	....	....	....	Auburn, N. Y.
Point Rock	Fred'k E.Schlieder,S.S	14	....	....	..	..	1	23	3	....	..	....	....	..	11	....	99 17	Point Rock, N. Y.
St. Johnsville	Philip Furbeck	115	26	..	2	..	1	212	3	8	..	75	2	175	211	86	1,374 53	St. Johnsville, N. Y.
Sprakers	John A. Thomson	60	3	5	10	..	1	*93	3	1	....	12	1	100	85	....	562 40	Sprakers, N. Y.
Stone Arabia	John A. Thomson	40	8	..	..	..	2	*60	2	....	....	....	1	26	31	....	361 87	Stone Arabia, N. Y.
Syracuse	Henry DuBois Mulford	172	11	12	5	..	5	265	6	5	....	204	1	332	977	972	5,798 35	Syracuse, N. Y.
Thousand Isles	George Z. Collier	100	..	..	..	..	..	*93	1	..	..	120	1	135	61	....	1,000 00	Alexandria Bay, N. Y.
Utica	Oren Root	*51	4	..	5	..	4	*106	2	1	....	....	1	154	935	1,230	1,500 00	Utica, N. Y.
West Lyden	Fred'k E.Schlieder,PE	25	6	4	2	..	1	43	2	..	..	....	1	43	15	....	217 87	West Keyden, N. Y.
Total		2208	138	61	83	1	64	3530	82	51	273	1031	44	3803	$4,921	$3,149	$41,105 45	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, N. Y.; Rev. Richard R. Williams, 216 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Lord, Jordanville, Herkimer County, N. Y.; Rev. Guido F. Verbeck, D.D., Tokyo, Japan. *Revised List. †Estimated.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER, FOR 1890.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bath-on-Hudson	Supplied	35	1	2	....	..	....	14	....	..	....	....	1	52	.....	.....	$32	Bath-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Blooming Grove	Minor Swick, S. S.	67	2	3	1	..	1	85	...	1	....	....	1	111	$133	.....	951	DeFrerstville, N. Y.
Emmanuel Castleton	Supplied	100	15	2	6	..	3	204	...	2	....	....	1	150	31	.....	1,890	Castleton, N. Y.
Chatham	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.	114	6	9	6	..	6	201	2	3	....	....	1	†167	440	$193	1,600	Chatham, N. Y.
First Ghent	De Witt B. Wyckoff,	80	5	1	2	..	2	127	2	4	51	45	2	185	278	50	1,142	Ghent, N. Y.
Second Ghent	I. S. Schenck	70	32	0	1	..	1	154	2	11	....	....	1	100	50	18	1,365	Stockport, N. Y.
Greenbush	J. Laubenheimer	118	9	8	1	..	7	219	2	4	....	112	1	112	142	64	1,736	Greenbush, N. Y.
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier, S.C	150	1	5	2	..	5	307	....	....	....	80	1	150	1,659	126	2,339	Kinderhook, N. Y.
Nassau	J. Perry Beaver	123	37	9	4	..	5	325	2	21	....	....	1	†174	65	15	2,512	Nassau.
New Concord	Theo. S. Brown, S. S.,	27	1	1	....	..	....	40	....	....	....	....	1	32	15	2	262	New Concord.
Scohdack	E. Birdsall	80	8	....	2	1	2	*147	....	4	....	....	2	187	277	2	1,073	Muitzeskill, N. Y.
Schodack Landing	W. H. Nasholds	99	12	2	4	..	2	187	2	....	....	....	1	145	112	77	1,280	Schodack Landing, N. Y.
Stuyvesant	Vacant	63	6	....	1	..	2	94	..	3	50	80	1	80	305	120	780	Stuyvesant.
Stuyvesant Falls	E. Nevius, S. S.	40	2	1	....	..	1	65	2	....	....	....	1	50	118	23	383	Stuyvesant Falls.
Total		1166	137	43	30	1	37	2069	23	53	101	317	16	1695	$3,625	$710	$17,245	

Other Ministers—Rev. John B. Drury, Editor of *The Christian Intelligencer*, New Brunswick, N. J. *Revised list. †Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER, FOR 1890.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Abbe Church	John Hoffman	82	7	5	1	..	2	185	11	1	....	41	1	122	$142 01	.....	$800 00	Clymer, N. Y.
Arcadia	M. Van Doorn	35	1	6	4	..	2	85	....	....	90	....	1	92	37 19	.....	360 00	Newark, N. Y.
Clymer Hill	P. G. M. Bahler	90	3	1	5	..	....	*188	3	....	207	68	1	113	228 00	.....	673 74	Clymer, N. Y.
East Williamson	G. H. Hospers	132	12	10	1	1	4	272	7	...	310	25	1	115	451 54	....	1153 49	East Williamson, N. Y.
Ev. Prot. Christ Ch.	John Boehrer	24	15	....	31	..	..	37	6	...	37	6	1	46	5 00	.....	689 20	1175 Mich. St. Buffalo.
Farmer Village	F. W. Palmer	125	11	7	5	..	3	*179	2	8	....	...	1	163	352 51	.....	2654 71	Farmer Village, N. Y.
Lodi	C. F. Porter	100	3	4	8	..	3	185	2	3	...	108	1	120	305 85	.....	1665 70	Lodi, N. Y.
Marion	S. Hogenboom.	136	6	12	8	..	2	300	12	...	70	1	170	215 20	.....	1202 00	Marion, N. Y.	
Pultneyville	P. Wayenberg	80	6	..	1	..	..	150	7	..	120	20	1	90	276 00	.....	723 00	Pultneyville, N. Y.
First Rochester	P. DeBruyn	*218	20	3	7	..	7	*397	27	1	..	110	1	270	1014 59	.....	2812 37	49 Concord St., Roch.
Second Rochester.	Ame Vennema	64	15	8	2	..	1	149	11	7	93	....	1	228	226 53	.....	3128 57	171 Weld St., Rochester.
Palmyra	W. G. Baas	44	5	20	4	..	1	104	19	2		6	1	90	19 80	.....	380 00	Palmyra, N. Y.
Tyre	Jacob I. Gulick, S. C.	39	3	3	2	..	3	70	1	2	....	....	1	84	99 91	.....	653 16	Malcolm, N. Y.
Total	.. ..	1159	107	79	79	1	30	2221	108	24	857	454	13	1703	$3,373 33	.....	$16,805 94	

Other Ministers.—Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca County, N. Y.; Rev. G. J. Renskers, Emeritus, Clymer, N. Y.; Rev. A. B. Vanhuizen, Pultneyville, N. Y.; Rev. W. H. Ballagh, Lyons, N. Y.; Rev. Chester P. Murray, Union Springs, N. Y. *Revised List.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA, FOR 1890.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boght	George I. Taylor	40	9	...	....	..	1	89	....	...	..	...	1	58	$34 90	... .	$475 23	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks	James L. Southard	52	1	2	1	..	....	63	....	1	....	....	1	80	147 00	.....	815 00	Buskirks Bridge, N. Y.
Cohoes	J. Paschal Strong	280	10	....	..	..	6	397	7	1	....	....	1	395	254 32	.....	4527 76	Cohoes, N. Y.
Fort Miller	E. A. Mc Cullum, S. S.	38	...	12	4	..	....	57	1	...	....	....	1	58	25 00	.....	569 12	Fort Miller, N. Y.
Gansevoort	Mark A. Denman, S. S.	70	40	5	....	..	3	*125	5	10	...	....	1	130	25 00	.....	825 12	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Northumberland	Mark A. Denman	72	35	5	5	..	1	155	....	25	....	....	1	75	75 00	$80 00	1458 00	Bacon Hill, N. Y.
Saratoga	E. A. Mc Cullum	155	24	16	3	..	5	328	11	2	..	....	1	205	278 00	22 15	2786 00	Schuylerville, N. Y.
Schaghticoke	M. R. Gordon	45	2	....	2	..	1	76	..	1	....	.	1	70	4 50	. .....	1080 70	Reynolds, N. Y.
Union Village	F. C. Scoville	80	7	6	1	..	2	173	3	2	....	....	1	99	206 00	10 00	1923 11	Greenwich, N. Y.
West Troy, (North)	Henry Evertson Cobb	180	45	18	3	..	4	*248	8	15	....	125	1	231	375 98	255 64	+ 5536 54	West Troy, N. Y.
West Troy, (South)	Vacant	38	....	....	3	..	....	36	..	....	....	....	....	....	76 00	.....	....	West Troy, N. Y.
Wynantskill	Vacant	50	1	....	2	..	4	*95	2	1	....	....	1	72	50 00	.....	601 26	Wynantskill, N. Y.
Total	.....	1089	178	54	24	..	27	1842	37	57		125	11	1473	$1,500 70	$367 79	$20,597 84	

Other Ministers.—Rev. A. G. Cochran, Middle Falls, Washington County, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.
Candidates.—W. J. Beardslee, Brunswick, N. J. *Revised List. †Repairs, $1,600.00.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY, FOR 1890.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Postoffice Address.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Schenectady	Albert C. Sewall	300	11	17	10	1	16	478	7	8	....	....	3	771	$839 94	$389 03	$5,256 64	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	Herbert C. Hinds	201	17	18	8	1	7	358	17	6	....	....	1	321	438 33	37 79	3,122 00	Schenectady, N. Y.
First Glenville	Norman F. Nickerson	136	3	....	3	..	5	272	1	2	....	132	2	235	180 00	21 00	1,175 00	Glenville, N. Y.
Second Glenville	Robert Doig	86	25	3	8	1	3	+186	3	17	....	80	3	200	100 00	150 00	1,200 00	Scotia, N. Y.
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe	64	....	....	3	..	5	+78	2	....	....	....	4	200	48 55	8 00	650 00	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Second Rotterdam	Vacant	58	3	1	6	..	3	82	1	1	....	67	1	80	69 50	15 50	632 21	Schenectady, N. Y.
Helderberg-Altamont	*Bergen B. Staats	180	10	9	....	..	3	+320	14	....	....	....	4	240	121 80	7 21	1,766 87	Guilderland Centre, N Y.
Niskayuna	C. P. Ditmars, S. C.	115	10	1	4	..	6	232	10	1	120	180	2	235	400 72	37 55	1,300 00	Niskayuna, N. Y.
Lisha's Kill	Isaac L. Kip	60	11	2	4	1	1	117	4	2	....	....	2	118	81 50	8 00	1,022 00	Lisha's Kill, N. Y.
Amity	James E. Graham	65	4	5	2	..	5	146	3	3	3	125	1	144	62 77	11 00	1,228 00	Vischer's Ferry, N. Y.
Princetown	Peter A. Wessels	80	4	1	6	..	....	+223	9	1	80	125	1	125	54 81	210 84	911 60	Gifford, N. Y.
Total		1345	98	57	54	4	54	2452	71	41	203	709	24	2659	$2,397 92	$895 92	$18,424 32	

Other Ministers—Rev. Wm. P. Davis, Lebanon, N. J.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Searsville, N. Y.; Rev. D. B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; Rev. Lauren Vanderveer, Schenectady, N. Y.

*Pastor elect. †Revised.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE, FOR 1890.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Beaverdam	Wm. A. Wurts, P.E.	45	1	....	....	..	3	77	1	1	24	....	1	58	$13 35	.....	$340 00	Berne, N. Y.
Berne	Wm. A. Wurts, P.E.	58	2	1	....	1	3	82	1	1	24	40	1	60	85 26	.....	479 38	Berne, N. Y.
Breakabeen	Philip Phelps, Jr.	32	3	....	2	..	....	37	....	....	....	....	1	110	33 00	.....	450 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Central Bridge	T. A. Beekman	33	3	5	....	..	1	21	3	3	3	8	1	66	20 44	.....	305 00	Central Bridge, N. Y.
Cobleskill	E. J. Blekkink	40	9	1	2	..	....	41	....	7	....	....	1	65	6 00	$2 00	300 63	Cobleskill, N. Y.
Eminence	Philip Phelps, S. S.	10	4	2	....	..	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	70 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Gallupville	Vacant	40	....	....	6	..	....	66	....	....	12	....	1	84	27 83	.....	225 18	Gallupville, N. Y.
Gilboa	Vacant	61	....	....	....	..	....	120	....	....	....	....	1	102	.....	.....	.....	Gilboa, N. Y.
Howe's Cave	T. A. Beekman	60	....	....	2	..	1	53	....	....	7	....	1	100	29 00	.....	346 00	Central Bridge, N. Y.
Lawyersville	E. J. Blekkink	47	4	....	....	..	3	71	1	3	....	20	2	170	88 55	10 75	707 33	Cobleskill, N. Y.
Middleburgh	D. K. Van Doren	80	12	6	....	..	4	154	6	5	35	30	1	125	162 83	38 12	1,200 00	Middleburgh, N. Y.
Moresville	Vacant	12	2	....	1	..	1	21	....	1	....	....	....	....	6 08	.....	.....	Grand Gorge, N. Y.
North Blenheim	Philip Phelps, Jr.	39	3	3	1	..	....	50	1	1	....	....	1	52	26 00	.....	244 00	North Blenheim, N. Y.
Prattsville	F. W. Ruhl	42	1	1	....	..	1	*59	3	....	....	....	1	60	3 52	.....	542 38	Prattsville, N. Y.
Schoharie	John G. Smart	73	19	3	6	..	4	140	7	13	....	60	1	89	201 80	50 19	1,284 19	Schoharie, N. Y.
Sharon	Philip T. Phelps	40	15	....	3	..	1	102	....	8	....	....	1	100	51 71	.....	341 98	Sharon Centre, N. Y.
South Gilboa	Vacant	20	....	....	1	..	....	46	....	....	....	....	1	30	5 00	.....	70 00	South Gilboa, N. Y.
Total		732	77	22	24	1	22	1151	23	42	105	158	16	1271	$760 37	$101 06	$6,886 07	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Edward Miller, Lawyersville, N. Y. Rev. Edwin Vedder, Schoharie, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Carr, 242 Elm St. Albany, N. Y.; Rev. John S. Lott, 54 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. John G. Fagg, Missionary, Amoy, China. *Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER FOR 1890.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Blue Mountain	P. Q. Wilson S. S.	110	7	...	2	..	4	218	20	1	....	30	3	210	$42 00	.....	$1207 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Caatsban	Arad J. Sebring	100	2	1	...	..	2	166	2	1	....	....	1	102	950 71	.....	1096 50	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus	J. Howard Van Doren	95	7	3	2	1	7	175	2	....	48	...	2	210	200 00	.....	1574 75	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush	Richard De Witt	100	8	3	7	..	4	175	9	1	70	50	3	270	94 67	.....	1183 71	Glasco, N. Y.
Kingston	John G. Van Slyke	265	41	15	3	..	15	564	9	5	..	...	1	300	1500 00	.....	5000 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Port Ewen	B. C. Lippincott, S. C.	100	6	...	....	2	4	237	7	3	....	...	1	187	137 16	.....	1516 22	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill	Solomon T. Cole	*130	3	1	....	..	6	*196	8	2	....	....	3	290	141 84	.....	895 13	Cockburn, N. Y.
Roxbury	Vacant	†63	....	....	....	..	..	67	....	....	....	....	1	100	101 00	.....	1360 00	Boxbury, N. Y.
Saugerties	Denis Wortman	220	6	4	7	..	4	337	2	3	45	...	1	250	925 00	.....	3025 00	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shandaken	Vacant	33	....	....	....	..	....	41	..	....	13	39	1	43	.....	.....	250 00	Shokan, N. Y.
Shokan	Vacant	86	1	3	2	..	2	143	1	....	....	70	1	78	29 00	.....	500 00	Shokan, N. Y.
Stewartville	Rufus M. Stanbrough	9	1	....	....	..	..	15	....	....	..	....	1	25	.. ..	....	73 00	West Hurley, N. Y.
West Hurley	Rufus M. Stanbrough	66	....	2	7	..	1	106	1	....	....	....	1	113	.....	.....	556 15	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock	Vacant	64	2	1	3	..	2	113	5	1	....	....	1	125	28 50	.....	750 00	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck	Wm. A. Shaw, S. S.	43	1	2	1	..	2	76	2	1	27	....	1	175	110 00	.....	550 00	Kingston, N. Y.
Total	.....	1484	85	35	34	3	53	2629	68	18	203	189	22	2478	$4,259 88	.....	$19,637 46	

Other Ministers—Cornelius Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Calvin Case Brodhead, N. Y.; Nathan F. Chapman, Saugerties, N. Y.; Irving P. Emerick (Shokan N. Y.) A. J. Beekman, Allentown N. J. *Revised list. †Last year's report.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY, FOR 1890.

Classis.	Census.				Communicants.						Baptized.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			Contributions.			Stated Clerks.
	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Albany	17	16	...	1947	114	75	62	3	43	3356	78	32	81	564	22	3175	$16,774 07	.....	$34,748 05	J. Lansing Pearse.
Greene	7	5	3	708	137	21	11	1	33	1594	21	52	403	365	15	1225	2984 00	.....	10875 00	F. S. Barnum.
Montgomery	34	32	...	2208	138	61	80	2	64	3507	79	51	273	1031	44	3803	4921 00	3,149 00	41123 70	Henry M. Cox.
Rensselaer	14	11	...	1106	137	43	30	1	37	2060	23	53	101	317	16	1695	3625 00	710 00	17245 00	Edward A. Collier.
Rochester	13	18	...	1159	107	79	79	1	30	2221	108	24	857	454	13	1703	3373 33	.....	16895 94	Jacob I. Gulick.
Saratoga	12	10	1	1089	178	54	24	..	27	1842	37	57	...	125	11	1473	1560 70	367 79	20597 84	Henry Evertson Cobb.
Schenectady	11	14	..	1345	98	57	54	4	54	2452	71	41	203	709	24	2659	2397 92	895 92	18424 32	C. P. Ditmars.
Schoharie	17	13	....	732	77	32	24	1	32	1151	23	42	105	158	16	1271	760 37	101 06	6886 07	D. K. Van Doren.
Ulster	15	15	...	1484	85	35	34	3	53	2629	68	18	203	189	22	2478	4259 88	.....	19637 46	B. C. Lippencott.
Total	140	124	4	11,838	1071	447	398	16	353	20,821	508	370	2226	3912	183	19,482	$40,656 27	$5,223 77	$186,433 38	

ARTICLE IX.

Benevolent Institutions.

The Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., as representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, was heard on the afternoon of the second day.

The Rev. Henry M. Cox, as representative of the Board of Domestic Missions, was heard on the evening of the second day.

ARTICLE X.

Delegates to General Synod.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following nominations by the Classes:

They were confirmed.

Classis of Albany,

PRIMARII.	SECUNDI.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Henry Miller,	Rev. J. Lansing Pearse,
" William J. Duiker,	" Andrew Parsons,
" Lawrence Dykstra,	" Walter S. Brown,
Elders.	*Elders.*
W. L. M. Phelps,	John McHarg,
John Baker,	N. J. Winne,
Henry Van Derzee,	H. H. Mead.

Classis of Greene.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. F. S. Barnum,	
" B. Van Zandt, D. D.,	
" J. K. Rhinehart.	
Elders.	*Elders.*
R. H. Whitbeck,	W. L. King,
J. E. Elting,	F. R. Lape,
J. A. Cooke,	A. Winans.

Classis of Montgomery.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Philip Furbeck,	Rev. Henry M. Cox,
" John A. Thomson,	" Jas. M. Compton,
" Henry DuBois Mulford,	" Joshua R. Kyle,
" James Demarest,	" Oren Root,
" Francis S. Haines,	" Joshua R. Kyle,
" Henry H. Sangree,	" George C. Collier,

Elders.	*Elders.*
Wesley Alter,	Wm. H. Wemple,
Philip S. Wiers,	Reuben Diefendorf,
R. A. Bonta,	Henry L. Sizer,
G. Clarance Churchill,	Adam Smith,
Luther L. Dean,	James Van Horne,
Charles C. Edwards,	Wm. C. Rasbach.

Classis of Rensselaer.

Ministers.	*Minister.*
Rev. D. B. Wyckoff,	Rev. J. Laubenheimer,
" I. S. Schenck,	" J. Perry Beaver,
" E. A. Collier,	" E. Birdsall,
Elders.	*Elders.*
George H. Snyder,	Stephen Miller,
Amos Stannard,	Reuben Van Buren,
W. H. Rainey,	L. A. Schermerhorn.

Classis of Rochester.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. W. G. Baas,	Rev. Marinus Van Doren,
" Jacob I. Gulick,	" P. G. M. Bahler,
" J. H. Hoffman.	" G. H. Hospers.
Elders.	*Elders*
C. Van Hee,	S. De Young,
George Van Arsdale,	J. Van Houte,
John Wassink.	George Dunlap.

Classis of Saratoga.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. E. A. McCullum,	Rev. J. L. Southard,
" M. A. Denman,	" M. R. Gordon.
" F. C. Scoville.	" H. E. Cobb.
Elders.	*Elders.*
John Marshall,	D. Washburn,
A. H. Van Veghten,	A. T. Van Vranken,
Joseph Becker.	Samuel Wells.

Classis of Schenectady.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. Robert Doig,	Rev. A. C. Sewall,
" C. P. Ditmars,	" N. F. Nickerson,
" Isaac L. Kip.	" Jas. E. Graham.

Elders.	*Elders.*
James J. Marlette,	Aaron Fuller,
John A. Wiltse,	Peter Van Vranken.
Simon H. Vedder.	Gerardus Vischer.

Classis of Schoharie.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. J. G. Smart,	Rev. E. J. Blekkink,
" Philip Phelps, jr.	" Philip T. Phelps,
" D. K. Van Doren,	" W. A. Wurts,
Elders.	*Elders.*
Charles Couch,	W. E. Bassler,
P. A. Allen,	J. Van Wagonen,
P. S. Danforth	Wm. Becker.

Classis of Ulster.

Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. R. M. Stanborough,	Rev. Richard DeWitt,
" J. H. Van Doren,	" I. P. Emerick,
" P. Q. Wilson,	" W. A. Shaw.
Elders.	*Elders.*
Wm. Eckert,	Erastus Osterhoudt,
James E. Van Aken,	A. D. Rose,
Jacob Carns,	C. H. Van Gaasbeck.

ARTICLE XI.

PARTICULARIA.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows: From 9 to 12 A. M.; from 2:30 to 5:30 P. M.; from 7:30 P. M., until such time as Synod may adjourn.

At the opening of the afternoon session, on the second day, the Sacrement of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President presided, and read the form; the Rev. E. J. Blekkink, offered the prayer; the Rev. John A. DeBaun, distributed the bread, and the Rev. F. S. Barnum, distributed the wine; Elders, W. L. King, John Marcellus, John Westinghouse, and L. Empie, assisted.

On the evening of the first day, a discussion of the subject, "The Sphere of the Evangelist," was opened by the Rev's. D. K. Van Doren, and F. C. Scoville, in twenty minute addresses.

The first half hour of the second day was spent in devotional services, under the direction of the Vice President, Rev. A. J. Sebring.

On the evening of the second day, the Rev's. Denis Wortman, D.D., and A. C. Sewall, opened the discussion of the subject, "Woman's work in the Church," with twenty minute addresses. President Webster, of Union College, also made a brief address on the same topic.

The Rev. Geo. S. Payson, D.D., and the Rev. Chas. F. Dowd, D.D., presented the matter of co-operation, in securing better moral training in our Public Schools, on Wednesday morning.

Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure and deep interest to the delegates from the Presbyterian Synod of the State of New York, respecting moral education in the Public Schools of the State, and assure them of a favorable consideration to their request.

Resolved, That the following Committee be appointed to confer on this subject with similar committees from other bodies. Rev's. A. C. Sewall, A. J. Sebring, and Elder P. M. Gillespie.

Resolved, That the Committee on Synodical Missionary Superintendent be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

Resolved, That the administration of the finances of this Committee be transferred to the Treasurer of the Particular Synod.

Resolved, That the salary of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod be increased to $75 a year.

Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, pastor of the Church entertaining the Synod, and President Webster, of Union College, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and take part in the discussions.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of Albany endorse the memorial from the Classis of Schenectady to the General Synod, relative to the uniformity of the fiscal years of the Benevolent Boards, and of the Churches.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 425 copies of the minutes printed, and distributed in the usual manner.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially tendered to the Pastor and people of the Second Reformed Church, also to all friends, who have shared in the entertainment of our body.

Resolved, That the place of our next meeting be left in the hands of the President, Vice-President, and Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll was called and all absentees excused.

ARTICLE XIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the
on the First Tuesday in May 1891, at such hour as the Stated Clerk may determine.

The exercises closed with prayer by the President.

DENIS WORTMAN, *President*,
A. J. SEBRING, *Vice President*.

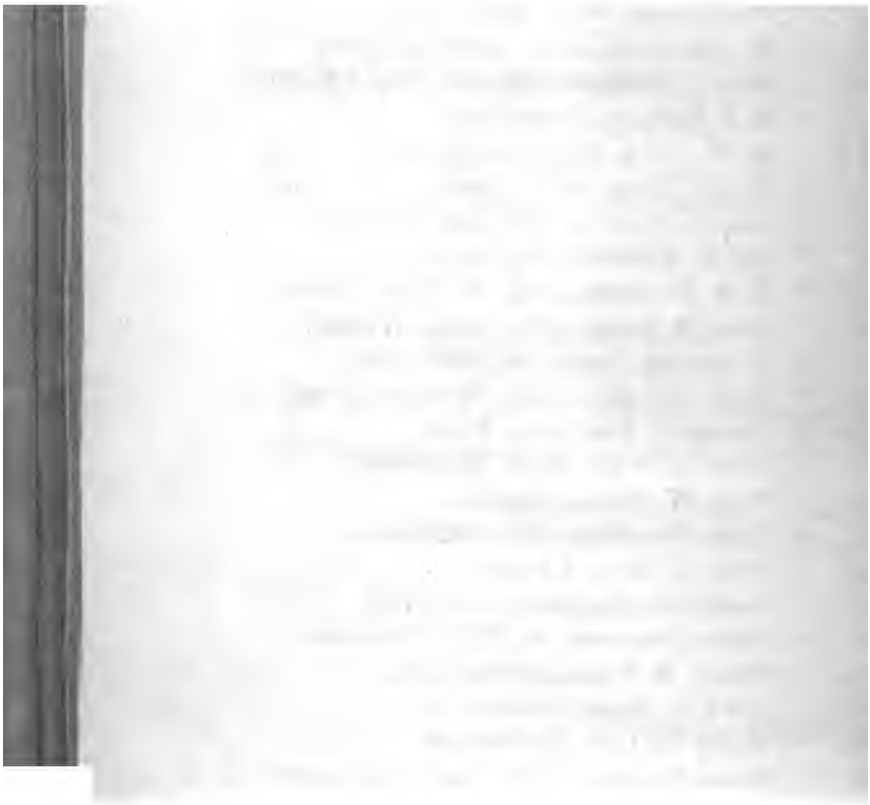
PHLIP T. PHELPS,
THEO. A. BEEKMAN, } *Temporary Clerks*.

A true copy of the Minutes,

C. P. DITMARS, *Stated Clerk*.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF SYNOD FROM 1864–1890.

1864. Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, Schodack Landing.
1865. " J. A. Lansing, D.D., Fonda.
1866. " Chas. Scott, D.D., 1st Kingston.
1867. " John L. McNair, 2nd Albany.
1868. " Philip Peltz, D.D., Saugerties.
1869. " B. Van Zandt, D.D., 1st Schenectady.
1870. " John A. DeBaun, D.D., W. Troy, (North).
1871. " S. J. Rodgers, Kinderhook.
1872. " R. W. Clark, D.D., Canajoharie.
1873. " J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., Cohoes.
1874. " Isaac S. Hartley, D.D., 1st Kingston.
1875. " Martin L. Berger, Syracuse.
1876. " J. B. Thompson, D.D., W. Troy (South.)
1877. " Alex. M. Mann, D.D., Farmer Village.
1878. " J. Lansing Pearse, 1st Schenectady.
1879. " Edw. A. Collier, D.D., Chatham Village.
1880. " George J. Van Neste, Fonda,
1881. " John B. Drury, D. D., Saugerties.
1882. " Selah W. Strong, Catskill.
1883. " Evert Van Slyke, D.D., Schoharie.
1884. " Peter E. Kipp, Kingston.
1885. " Andrew J. Hageman, Fort Plain.
1886. " James Demarest, Jr., D.D., Herkimer.
1887. " Henry M. Voorhees, Schoharie.
1888. " John G. Smart, Greenwich,
1889. " Henry M. Cox, Kinderhook.
1890. " Denis Wortman, D.D., 2nd Schenectady.



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